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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By Det. Ch. Insp [REDACTED] IB(2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 5.31pm
finished at 5.32pm

Present:- [REDACTED]

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Laytonstone 12.30pm

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. No.

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979? If so when?

A. Not put.

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

A. It's at JS [REDACTED]

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

[REDACTED]

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by:

D.C.I. [REDACTED]

at:

9.10 pm

on:

24.4.79

Recorded by [REDACTED] 'B' Div (BD)

'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Elair Clement Peach, age 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand?'

A.

Yes.

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Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes I was.

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No. 3 Unit.

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Sgt. [REDACTED] Inspector [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between 7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. Yes - I was the operator

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes, very briefly - I got out the passenger door, and I stood, within a few feet, of the van, I didn't leave Northcote Avenue, I saw [REDACTED] staggering back to us, obviously injured, and I helped him back to the carrier, and stayed with him on the carrier, and radioed, for assistance.

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes, we had them on the van, but I did not have one personally.

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No, I did not have one with me I very rarely carry one.

(4B)

Q. Is there any reason why you do not carry a truncheon.

A. My reason is, that I consider, that they are not particularly useful, and being a bit of a strong bloke, its always worried me, that one could cause, a nasty injury to someone, in a tense situation.

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. I can vaguely recall, [REDACTED] ordering truncheons to be drawn, to the rest of the officers in the carrier.

Q. Where is your truncheon now?

A. In my locker, at Leytonstone, as far as I know.

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. It was a tight type situation, with everybody throwing things at us. i.e. bricks bottles, sticks, stones, broken glass, cans etc., and a lot of shouting and abuse, was aimed at police.

Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

A. No.

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue to Orchard Avenue?

A. No.

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Q. Did the rest of your carrier, go down Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue.

A. Yes, with the exception of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. After, the rest of the chaps, got out of the carrier, the crowd, who were as far as I could make out, all Asian, retreated towards, Beechcroft Avenue, followed by the officers, from our carrier. The crowd, remained in Beechcroft Avenue, and our lads, formed a cordon, across Beechcroft Avenue. That was when assistance arrived, and I cannot, remember much after that.

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Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No.

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Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. No - a couple of bodies, came back to our carrier, but I don't know what they had been arrested for.

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11.

Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 8pm on 25 April 1979 at Beecheroff Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. Not really no.

(11B)

Q. Did you see any police officers, go into front gardens, chasing after people

A. No.

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Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A. No.

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Q. Were the officers, from your carrier, wearing helmets, or flat caps?

A. Helmets.

(12B)

Q. Were the officers from your carrier wearing raincoats?

A. I think most of them were.

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beechcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. I personally did not go into Beechcroft Avenue, in fact I remained, with the carrier, in Northcote Avenue, however the officer, posted to my carrier were.

[REDACTED]

I can't think of any others if there were any others.

Oh just a minute, I think there was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I don't know there numbers.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness.....

Address and Telephone Number Attached to Special Patrol Group
no 3 unit based at Leytonstone Police
Station

This statement,* consisting of 6 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed

Signature witnessed by.....

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group for the last years no. 3 unit based at Leytonstone Police Station. On Monday 23rd April, 1979. No. 3 unit comprised of about thirty men and three carriers under the control of We paraded at Leytonstone Police Station at 12.30pm and went to M.O.D. FELTHAM for our main meal feeding. Our carrier call sign was UNIFORM 19 and the unit was serial 133. was in our carrier which was the lead carrier. I was given the task as operator We had two radio sets. One a S.P.G. personal radio set and the main set, initially channel 8 which changed to channel 6 sometime during the afternoon. My duty was to keep a log of events and through the afternoon I kept a rough account of what went on during the day relating to our unit as opposed to just the carrier. I produce this log as exhibit IS/1. This log is not an accurate account especially relating to times as no one was carrying a watch. Approximate

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*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

4.55pm assistance was called for as the police cordon, in Uxbridge Road west of the Town Hall in Southell, was being attacked by demonstrators who were throwing missiles at it. I cannot remember whether it was two or three carriers which came up west in Uxbridge Road from the direction of the town hall but certainly we went through the Police cordon on the instructions of [REDACTED] who told [REDACTED] to clear the crowd. We stopped just behind the cordon and whilst there at least one brick hit the carrier. We went through the cordon and drove up the left hand side of the road. Another carrier went along the right side of the road. The crowd who had been throwing stones ran off. Officers from both carriers made some arrests. The prisoners were put in one of the other carriers. Officers who did not leave prisoners - some came in our carrier. As far as I can remember the people in our carrier were: [REDACTED] the driver; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]; other may have joined as some Officer left with arrests. We saw a window of BARRATTS shop broken on he left. Shoes and glass lying on the pavement. We stopped outside and I radioed X-Ray control and told them of the insecure premises. We remained for quite some time. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were detailed to stand in an alleyway near BARRATTS to stop demonstrators using the glass as ammunition to throw at Police. The keyholder of BARRATTS and we would have been to patrol our sector. A coach arrived carrying Police Officers and they formed a cordon across the main road near the junction with Alexandra Avenue. I informed X-Ray control that large groups of mainly Asian Males,

Signed [REDACTED] signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

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were formed at the junction of the main road and BEECHCROFT and NORTHCOTE Avenues. I couldn't see properly but I got the impression that they were being stirred up by someone. There were people amongst the demonstrators who I wouldn't have thought would have normally caused trouble, middle aged Asian men and women. A Police Officer from the coach Parked opposite informed someone on our carrier that they had been some people place milk crates at the junction with BEECHCROFT on the next junction. We drove forward to investigate and as we approached the crowd missiles were thrown at us and two bricks hit our windscreen and cracked it. I didn't see who threw them. We saw the milk crates full of bottles, bricks and lumps of wood in the doorway of one of the shops at the junction. We picked up the milk crates and put them on the carrier. We drove off west along Uxbridge Road. The other carrier came with us. There were crowds of people along the footway very shortly afterwards we heard over one of the radios that a petrol bomb had been thrown at the coach which had been parked near us. We went to a garage about half a mile away and dumped the milk crate out of sight. We then came back along the Uxbridge Road towards BEECHCROFT AVENUE, accompanied by the other carrier. As we approached BEECHCROFT AVENUE I could see a large crowd in that junction which was about five hundred people, at least. As we neared the junction, I could see missiles being thrown in the air by a group of demonstrators further down the Broadway towards the Town Hall. We were met by a hail of missiles being thrown at us by the group at the junction, bricks, bottles lumps of concrete

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

and bags containing sand and curry powder, we drove into the junction and the crowd split. Half went into Beechcroft Avenue and ran along the road. We turned left into Northcote Avenue and stopped within a few yards. The other carrier stopped behind us. As we turned left I was aware of the shop on my left having all the windows being broken by missiles. I remember also a small car, which I believe is yellow, having its windows broken by missiles. All the police except myself got out of the two carriers and on [REDACTED] orders carried shields and truncheons and formed a line across Northcote Avenue facing Beechcroft Avenue. Only twelve to fifteen officers were on both carriers at this time. I got out and look towards Beechcroft. I could see a large group of people, mainly Asians throwing missiles in our direction. I then saw [REDACTED] staggering back from the shield cordon towards the carriers. He had blood pouring from his mouth. I assisted him into our carrier and I think [REDACTED] helped me. I took his helmet off and I realised he had a serious facial injury. He was semi concious. I radioed for assistance on the S.P.G Set. I then radioed X-Ray for an ambulance for [REDACTED]. I stayed with the carrier. The demonstrators in Northcote Avenue had dispersed but missiles were still being thrown from the direction of BEECHCROFT AVENUE. After a few minutes, I got out and saw that our line was now across the entrance of BEECHCROFT AVENUE with missiles still being thrown from the persons further down BEECHCROFT AVENUE. I waited for the ambulance and as I did so I saw other S.P.G. carriers came from the west along Uxbridge Road there was at least

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

three. They turned right into Beechcroft Avenue. I returned to the carrier and directed the ambulance when it arrived a few minutes later. Having backed the carrier out into the Broadway. [REDACTED] was transferred to the ambulance which drove off. Eventually, some minutes later, the lad came back to the carrier with at least two prisoners, one white, one coloured. We had at least two on our carrier and we drove off west to the garage and I radioed to find out where to take our prisoners I am not to sure where we were directed to but we transferred our prisoners to another vehicle. We drove back to the Broadway and it was all quiet going back to when I mentioned picking up the milk crates from the shop doorway I was aware of some of the crowd running down the side road which I think was Beechcroft Avenue. I have seen pictures in the newspaper of BLAIR PEACH. I didn't see him at any time during that day. I didn't see any Police Officer hit anyone.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth)..... Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... No. 3 Unit, S.P.G.
Leytonstone
556 8855 Ext 25718

This statement,* consisting of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 16th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] DCI

Further to my statement of the 4th May, 1979, I have been asked by Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] if I can clarify what happened when the 1 Unit Carriers arrived at the junction of the Broadway and Beachcroft Avenue. I think 3 Carriers arrived and two of them went into Beachcroft Avenue. I waved the 3rd one to stop and I spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told him what was happening and asked him if his carrier could take an alternative street running parallel with Beachcroft to get round behind the crowd. As far as I can remember the carrier swung round and drove west along the Broadway and took one of the turnings on the left. I know now that I directed that carrier down the wrong road as I have since looked at the map and realise there was no immediate direct access to Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue. The last I can remember seeing of my own chaps was them standing in a line across the top of Beachcroft at the time the other 2 carriers turned in. My time was then

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2-9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 5B)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

taken up with other things like looking after the injured P.C. until the ambulance came and I don't know what happened after that until our lads came back to the carriers with prisoners. I cannot honestly remember if the 2 1 Unit carriers stopped as they went into Beachcroft or not. I have also been asked if I can recall any of our 3 Unit Carriers or officers go into Beachcroft prior to the 1 unit carriers arriving on the scene and I cannot. As far as I am aware none of our Carriers went into Beachcroft at all and our lads did not go in on foot until the 1 unit carriers came along.

Signed... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by... [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236 Southall Police Station

on: 24th April, 1979 5.38 pm.

'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand.?'

A.

Yes, [REDACTED]

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2.

Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special Patrol Group at Southall?

A. I was. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Sergeant [REDACTED] Inspector [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between 7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. We were under attack by all the Indians who were throwing bricks, bottles, anything they could get their hands on at the Police and vehicles. It was a very violent situation. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue to Orchard Avenue?

A. No. I went about halfway down Beechcroft Avenue and arrested a man named [REDACTED] assisted by [REDACTED]. He assisted me to put the prisoner on a carrier. I and the prisoner were driven to a nearby garage where we changed carriers and we were taken to Ealing Station. I arrested the man at about 8 pm and arrived at Ealing at about 8.45 pm. [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. The man I arrested was one of the large crowd who were throwing bricks and bottles at Police. One of his bricks hit [REDACTED] in the leg. Another I fended off with my shield. I saw no unnecessary Police violence although every officer had occasion to defend himself. I was concentrating mainly on my prisoner. [REDACTED]

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11.

Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 8pm on 23 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A. No. I know nothing. [REDACTED]

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Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beechcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. [REDACTED] was to my left but I had no idea of the other officers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.57pm
finished at

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Leytonstone 12.30pm [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979?
If so when?

A. No. I got it out but didn't
use it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21")..... [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... 3 Unit Special Patrol Group
Leytonstone

This statement,* consisting of 4 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 28th day of April, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Monday, 23rd April 1979, I performed duty with 3 Unit Special Patrol Group at Southall. At about 8 pm that evening I was with my unit in the Broadway and the junction with Northcote Avenue. We were being bombarded with missiles by a group of demonstrators. Most of those demonstrators were at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. I had a shield, which I held in my left hand, and my truncheon was in the grips of the shield, resting on top of my left arm. That way my right hand is free but the truncheon is ready for immediate use. As one unit carriers approached along the Broadway, three unit officers charged across the road and into Beechcroft. I was on the far left-hand side of Beechcroft as we were running down. I was aware that the carriers behind and to my right. I had a bloke

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

sorted out as one I wanted to arrest and I was going after him. I have looked at a map and I was about level with number 1 Beechcroft Avenue when a carrier, or carriers, overtook me. The blue lights were on, as were the headlights. I was not aware of [REDACTED] until he stopped the man that I wanted, but of course he must have run down with the rest of us because he had been hit by a brick thrown by the man who he stopped. When that man was stopped I must have been about ten yards behind. I went up to [REDACTED]. The spot was somewhere along the side of the house that is shown on the map as number 62 Orchard Avenue. The spot was where there was a big solid wall, it was probably the side of the house, certainly not a garden wall. The man was fighting with [REDACTED] who was trying to restrain him, but I do not remember exactly how [REDACTED] had hold of him. The shield was a nuisance except that I needed it to protect [REDACTED] and the prisoner from missiles that were still coming over. I had gone to the far side of [REDACTED] so that I was on the south side, that is nearer to Orchard Avenue than he was! In general my shield was facing the road that is of Beechcroft Avenue, and I was facing back up towards the Broadway and trying to give some assistance to [REDACTED] with my body and right hand. I don't know whether there was a carrier at the arrest spot at the time of arrest but one was there very shortly afterwards. Before the carrier arrived

Signed [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

no other officers gave any assistance to [REDACTED] and the prisoner. I was aware that [REDACTED] had his truncheon in his hand but I did not actually see him hitting anyone with it. I had to put my truncheon back in my pocket because otherwise I would have lost it, there were too many things to hold on to. When the carrier arrived, it was right alongside us, with the big side door opposite us. I think someone got out of the carrier, it was not full up with officers, I do not remember the exact details. The officers that got out did not come to assist [REDACTED] and myself because there was no need at that time. I put the prisoner on board, and the shield went in first. I climbed in after him, and [REDACTED] got in the front, in the operator's seat. I think he got on the radio to find out what was happening. I cannot say whether or not there was anyone else in the back of the carrier with me. I kept the prisoner's head down, so that he could not be seen by the demonstrators, to avoid making the carrier a further target. The carrier was not actually under attack but the situation was such that it could easily have been at any time. I was aware that there were still demonstrators about on the street, and also police officers, but the bulk of the demonstrators had gone. The carrier drove off, it was not a three unit vehicle, and I do not remember the driver. I do not remember where we went as I started to talk to my prisoner. We changed over carriers and put him in another carrier at some point but I do not know where. We changed

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

yet again before finally with other officers and prisoners at Ealing Police Station. On that day I was dressed in protective helmet, with goggles and I think I had my mac on! It was still light at the time of arrest. I have been asked by [REDACTED] whether any officer assisted [REDACTED] and myself with the arrest of that man. No other officer assisted us with the arrest, and no other officer assisted in detaining him up against that wall.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit, S.P.G.
 Leytonstone
 556 - 8855

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Dated the 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement of the 28th April, 1979, I have been asked by..... if I can enlarge on one or two matters. I have a total of 14 years Police Service and for the last 4 years I have been serving with no. 3 Unit of the Special Patrol Group. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was assigned to my usual Carrier U.20. Later that evening my Carrier was used to convey prisoners away from the Broadway at Southall and I joined the crew of U.21. During that evening I had been involved in a number of incidents and skirmishes involving demonstrators and we had been stoned on various occasions. Bricks and milk bottles had been thrown at us together with glass from broken shop fronts. Just before 8pm our Carrier was following U.19 along the Broadway and as we turned left into Northcote Avenue a hail of bricks and other missiles were thrown at our carriers. This was the second time

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act. 1957, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

that this had happened at that location the first being when we had driven out of Northcote into the Broadway a few minutes earlier. We parked in Northcote and were about to disperse the demonstrators when [REDACTED] who had been at the side of Carrier U.21 groaned and I saw him sink to his knees holding the side of his head. I ushered him to the side of the Carrier where he was protected by the door and shouted to the others that he had been injured. We got the other officers and the shields out of the Carrier and [REDACTED] was put into the carrier. We then formed a shield serial in the Broadway just about at the junction with Northcote Avenue and facing some 200 or 300 demonstrators who were either in or about the junction with Beachcroft Avenue. I had a shield and I had drawn my truncheon which was placed in the grips of my shield as I described in my previous statement at the time we formed up with shields. I was in a small group of 3 officers which were on the West side of the junction. To my left was I believed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was to my far left. I cannot remember which officers were there at that time but it must have been all of those except the carrier drivers, [REDACTED] and those officers who had gone off with prisoners in the Carrier U.20. Whilst we were in the line facing Beachcroft I saw an Asian who I now know to be called [REDACTED] standing on the south East corner of the Broadway at the junction with Beachcroft. He was throwing bricks. I saw that one of the bricks he threw at the Police line came over the shields and hit [REDACTED] in the leg. He threw another brick towards me and I fended it off with my shield. We then moved forward and cleared the junction.

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

We formed up again right on the junction with Broadway and Beachcroft again facing Beachcroft where the majority of the demonstrators were now gathered. We then started to run down Beachcroft Avenue to clear it and arrest offenders. [REDACTED] ran down the East footway, by that I mean on the left hand side of the road going towards Orchard Avenue. I ran across that side and ran after him. After I had gone a little way along Beachcroft I saw a Carrier pass me with it's head lights on and with it's blue light flashing. It came from the Broadway and went down Beachcroft towards Orchard Avenue. As I chased after [REDACTED] was in front of me. There were other Police Officers in front of me. When I said [REDACTED] was in front of me I ought to qualify this by saying that he must have been because he got to [REDACTED] first. I saw [REDACTED] catch hold of him. I can't remember who the Officers were who ran down Beachcroft in front of me. I then helped [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] as I described in my previous statement. I helped put [REDACTED] into the Carrier. I have been asked specifically if I can recall seeing the Carrier at the junction of Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue when I ran down Beachcroft and my only recollection is that of putting [REDACTED] into it. Whether the carrier had been at that location when we arrested [REDACTED] I do not know, all I do know is that it was there after we had arrested [REDACTED]. When I said in my previous statement that "When the Carrier arrived it was right alongside us" that was not strictly true because as I have now indicated the Carrier may have been there all the time I just do not know. All I do know is that it was there when we had

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

arrested [REDACTED] I can remember an officer getting out of the nearside door of the Carrier just before we put [REDACTED] into the Carrier. I can't remember who the Officer was. I got into the Carrier with [REDACTED] I have got the feeling that there were other people in the Carrier when we got into it but I just can't be sure about that. [REDACTED] got into the front passenger seat of the Carrier. As I said also in my previous statement I cannot remember whether or not there was anyone in the back of the Carrier when I got in with [REDACTED] I was dealing with him and eventually taking him to Ealing Police Station where he was charged. I can now remember that the driver of the Carrier into which I had got in with [REDACTED] was in the drivers seat when we got aboard and to the best of my recollection he remained there.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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11.15 a.m. 27th June 1979.
Room 921

[REDACTED]

Interviewed by:

Assisted by:

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. I want to put one or two matters to you this morning that have arisen from the enquiry which have been made to date I would like to show you a plan of Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue and I would like you to mark on that plan where you were standing in shield formation just before you and the other officers went off after the demonstrators down Beachcroft. Could you mark that with a cross and A.

D.C.I. Will you now mark on there where [REDACTED] was standing and mark that B.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Can you now say where other members of your serial were.

[REDACTED] The serial was made up of my carrier U.20 but I can not remember now where any particular officer was except [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

D.C.I. In your statement of the 4th May you said that you believed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were to your left is that still your recollection.

[REDACTED] No you got that wrong those officers were to my recollection to my left prior to forming up at the end of Beachcroft junction with Broadway. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Can you now mark on that plan
[REDACTED] 'C', where [REDACTED] was standing
before he ran off.

D.C.I. Can you now mark on the plan
[REDACTED] at 'D' where the carrier past
you in Beachcroft Avenue.

[REDACTED] I have marked where I think it
was I know I had just gone
into Beachcroft.

D.C.I. As you ran down Beachcroft can
you recall another carrier pass
you.

[REDACTED] No I can not remember another
carrier passing me.

[REDACTED]

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D.C.I. Did you see where the
[REDACTED] carrier did pass you went to.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. At what speed was that carrier
[REDACTED] travelling.

[REDACTED] It was quite fast in the circumstances. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Did you see the carrier stop.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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D.C.I. Did the carrier go ahead of the
officers who were running.

I don't know.

D.C.I. How far were you behind

About 20 yards.

D.C.I. Did the carrier pass

After the carrier past me I didn't
see it again until I turned and
put my prisoner in the carrier.

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D.C.I. How do you know that was the
same carrier which past you.

I don't know it was the same carrier
all I know is that there was
a carrier there when I put my
prisoner in it.

D.C.I. Can you mark on the plan with a 'E'
where [redacted] was when he was
arrested.

It was by a high garden wall
of 62 Orchard Avenue.

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Will you draw on that plan where the carrier was when you put your prisoner aboard, and mark that F.

[REDACTED] Was any other officer aboard the carrier when you put [REDACTED] aboard.

P.C. [REDACTED] The driver was in it, the operator's seat was empty I don't know if other people were in the carrier I think there was. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Was another prisoner placed on the carrier at that time or shortly afterwards.

[REDACTED] I can not remember seeing another prisoner on board at that time. I was concentrating on my prisoner. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Can you remember who was
[REDACTED] driving that carrier.

[REDACTED] I can't remember who was
driving it. The driver was in
the drivers seat. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Can you remember if the driver
[REDACTED] was male or female.

[REDACTED] Male. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Enquiries have shown that the
[REDACTED] 1st carrier to park at the location
marked F on the plan was
'Uniform 11' driven by [REDACTED]
who drove off after about 30
seconds Carrier 'Uniform 12'

[REDACTED]

then drove up and occupied the same position that '11' had been in and that carrier was driven by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Are you quite sure that your prisoner was not placed aboard the carrier driven by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I'm sure yes. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] is adamant that no prisoner was placed aboard his carrier at that location. But he is not sure whether a prisoner was placed aboard the carrier in Orchard Avenue junction with Herbert Road. Is it possible that he is right.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Was [REDACTED] transferred from one carrier to another in Orchard Avenue junction with Herbert Road.

[REDACTED] Yes I think that was the location. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. When the van moved off with your prisoner on board did you go left along Orchard Avenue and stop at the far end of Orchard Avenue.

[REDACTED] We moved off left and after a few moments we stopped and transferred the prisoner. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Was the prisoner transferred to a carrier that was present when you pulled up.

[REDACTED] We stopped I don't know if the carrier was there or arrived shortly afterwards. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Was your carrier parked in front or behind the one that [REDACTED] was placed aboard.

[REDACTED] I can't remember. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Can you remember the time your carrier drove away from Beachcroft until it stopped in Orchard Avenue whether it stopped in that short journey to pick up any other prisoners.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can't remember but I
don't think so. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. What was the purpose in
transferring [REDACTED] from one carrier
to another.

[REDACTED] To collect as many prisoners on
one carrier as possible so that
as many vehicles as possible remained
operational. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Were there other prisoners aboard
the carrier that you placed
[REDACTED] into.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Were they Asian.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Yes.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. How many other prisoners were
in that carrier when you placed
[REDACTED] aboard.

[REDACTED]

I think there were 2 or 3.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Where were those prisoners taken from
Orchard Avenue.

[REDACTED]

I can't remember exactly where
but we went to a garage where
they were put on another carrier.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Were they then taken to Ealing
Police Station and later charged.

[REDACTED]

Yes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Can we go back to the time when
[REDACTED] was placed upon the 2nd
carrier in Orchard Avenue
can you remember the two Asian
prisoners mentioned were already
aboard that carrier when you placed
[REDACTED] upon it.

[REDACTED] No I can't remember but there
were people on the carrier when
we got on. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. But you are sure when you
drove off from that location that
there were 3 prisoners aboard.

[REDACTED] I was sure that there was
prisoners aboard but how
many I am not certain. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. What other officers were on that carrier when you drove away with the prisoners.

It was either that carrier or the last carrier I remember seeing [redacted] and his prisoner. I can't remember the identity of any others.

D.C.I. After you had placed [redacted] aboard the 2nd carrier in Orchard Avenue did you see [redacted] aboard that carrier at any time.

I don't remember seeing [redacted] but I don't remember any of the other people who were on the carrier.

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Are you certain when you drove away from Orchard Avenue there were prisoners other than [REDACTED] aboard that carrier.

[REDACTED] I have said I'm sure there were but I am confused with the numbers and identities of the occupants of the three carriers as my sole interest at the time was with my prisoner [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Was [REDACTED] aboard your carrier when you drove from the 2nd to the 3rd carrier.

[REDACTED] He got aboard the 1st carrier in the operator's seat and said something on the radio. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Where was that.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

That was at Beachcroft junction
with Orchard. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Can you remember if [REDACTED]
spoke over the handset or the
radio fitted to the vehicle.

[REDACTED]

I think it was the set fitted to
the vehicle. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Was [REDACTED] aboard the carrier
when you drove from that location to
the end of Orchard Avenue.

[REDACTED]

He told me when we first got on
the carrier to take the prisoner
to the station and charge
him because he wanted to get
back to look after his men. He
got out the carrier and I think
it was still at Beachcroft junction
with Orchard, but the time he

[REDACTED]

took in organising these things the carrier could of very well moved off. He definitely got off the carrier.

DC.I. From what you have said you can't remember if [REDACTED] was on the carrier for the short journey.

[REDACTED] No.

D.C.I. Whilst you were in Beachcroft junction with Orchard with [REDACTED] do you remember seeing [REDACTED] at any time.

[REDACTED] No.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you remember hearing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] voice.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you remember seeing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at that location.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I don't remember seeing him
but I could of seen him.

D.C.I. Do you know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Not very well, no.

D.C.I. Would you recognise him if you
saw him.

[REDACTED] Yes.

D.C.I. Do you remember seeing him.

[REDACTED] No.

D.C.I. Do you know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Do you remember seeing any police officers at that junction who you know.

[REDACTED] There were S.P.G. officers around but I can't remember who they were.

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Do you know [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No.

Concluded 12.20 p.m.

Rs commenced 1.40 p.m.

D.C.I. [REDACTED] When the carrier past you when it first came into Beachcroft Avenue were you aware of any noise coming from underneath the carrier.

[REDACTED] I didn't hear anything.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you know the names of
the other prisoners who were
aboard the carrier with
in Orchard Avenue.

No.

D.C.I. Can you remember if
at the police station when you
charged

He was at the Police Station he had a
prisoner as well.

D.C.I. Can you remember if that was one
of the prisoners who was in
Orchard Avenue.

No. I can't remember.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Were the prisoners to your knowledge that were in the same carrier as yourself and [REDACTED] all charged.

[REDACTED] They all went to the police station. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] The reason I have asked you that because what you have said about there being a number of prisoners aboard the carrier in Orchard Avenue supports what other witnesses have said about there being a number of people placed aboard the carrier in Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue. The only person that we can find that was charged was [REDACTED] do you know what happened to the other prisoners.

[REDACTED] They all went to the police station I know for a fact [REDACTED] prisoner was charged. He was the big man [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you know where that prisoner
[REDACTED] was arrested.

[REDACTED] Either in Beachcroft or close proximity
[REDACTED] to it. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. Was that before 3 unit and 1 unit
[REDACTED] went down Beachcroft.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] arrested his man at the
[REDACTED] top. I don't know where [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] arrested his man. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. What carriers were those prisoners
[REDACTED] placed aboard.

[REDACTED] I don't know. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. It would seem that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] prisoners were arrested just prior
to one and three units going down
Beachcroft and were placed aboard

[REDACTED] cont.

[REDACTED]

cont. a 3 unit carrier in Northcote Avenue,
those prisoners we can account for but
we cannot account for the other prisoners
who were aboard the carriers in
Orchard Avenue do you know what
happened to those prisoners.

[REDACTED] I don't know at some stage I put my
prisoner in a carrier and there were
other prisoners in there.

D.G.I. Are you able to say positively that no
other prisoners were placed on the carrier
that [REDACTED] was placed upon in Beachcroft
Avenue at the junction of Orchard Avenue.

[REDACTED] No I can't.

D.C.I. I think you said [REDACTED] was transferred to another carrier further along Orchard Avenue.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. You also said that the purpose in doing this was to keep all the prisoners together so that the carrier could carry on with its operational duty.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. You mentioned prisoners two Asians other than [REDACTED] but you could not specify on how many other prisoners were aboard the carrier in Orchard Avenue was that correct.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Do you know what happened to
those other prisoners.

No.

D.C.I. When you transferred those prisoners
to the 3rd carrier at the garage
was any officer present supervising
the transfer.

I can't remember seeing any supervising
officer at the garage but whether it
was being dealt with by radio I don't
know.

D.C.I. Did any prisoners escape on the way
to the police station.

I didn't see any and I never heard
of any.

D.C.I. Were [redacted] and [redacted] in the same carrier as you on the way to the police station.

[redacted] Yes [redacted] was I think. [redacted] was also there.

D.C.I. How many prisoners were on the 3rd carrier on the way to the police station.

[redacted] About 2 a dozen. [redacted]

D.C.I. On that journey was any Inspector or Sergeant on the carrier.
[redacted] I don't know [redacted]

D.C.I. Would you remember seeing any 1 or 3 unit officers other than [redacted] and [redacted] at Ealing Police Station.

[redacted]

[REDACTED] I'm sure I saw [REDACTED]
I can't remember any more. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] has said that he was placed
aboard a carrier when it was parked
on the corner of Beachcroft and Orchard
Avenue. The carrier was parked almost
exactly as you have indicated at F
on the plan can you remember if he
was placed in the side or back door.

[REDACTED] Side door. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Would that of been the nearside
door.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] and other witnesses have said whilst being arrested he saw Blair PEACH being hit over the head with a truncheon by a police officer and this happened about 2 or 3 yards away from him did you see that happen.

[REDACTED] No I think [REDACTED] is lying. [REDACTED] had him by the head. I was trying to restrain the left side of him I was standing right in front of [REDACTED] who was up against a wall. To protect all 3 of us I had my shield facing toward the road. The shield was dirty through propelling missiles and you can only see through it by looking up close. In those circumstances I don't think [REDACTED] could see anything.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] I want to correct what I said to you
[REDACTED] I have now re read what [REDACTED] had to say.
What [REDACTED] actually said was
whilst he was being arrested his head
was bent down. He was able to
turn it to one side and saw a man
fall down a short distance away
from him. Other witnesses have
said the time a coloured man
was being arrested on that corner
another officer struck a man with a
beard with a truncheon over his
head a short distance away. Did
you see that happen.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Other witnesses have said the time
[REDACTED] the coloured man who we presume is [REDACTED]
was arrested other officers joined in
and hit that man with their
truncheons.

[REDACTED] No there was only [REDACTED] and myself
there. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Can you remember when you were parked in Orchard Ave. junction with Herbert Rd. whether the other carrier that was with you left the location before or after you.

[REDACTED] No I can't remember. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Do you know the name of the driver who drove the carrier away from Orchard Ave. to the garage.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. [REDACTED] Would you look at this statement dated the 25th April.

Is that a copy of a statement that you made on that day.

[REDACTED] Yes I would say so. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. I would like to quote a small part of what you said in that statement relating to [REDACTED]
"He began to run as soon as we charged and I caught him with [REDACTED] some thirty yards down the road." Is what you said there correct.

[REDACTED] Not strictly correct no. [REDACTED] caught him first and on seeing the map I would put him further down the road than 30 yards.

D.C.I. I must put this part of the statement to you as well "To facilitate the transport of injured officers to hospital I later put [REDACTED] on another carrier and took him to Ealing Police Station". Was that correct.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the time I made my notes I was under the impression that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was taken to hospital by carrier. I have subsequently found out that he was taken by ambulance. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. A questionnaire was put to you by [REDACTED] on the 24th April 1979 will you read that now. Were your answers correctly recorded at that time.

[REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. To one of those answers quite, Did you advance forward to the junction of Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue, you replied yes. The next question which was put to you was.

[REDACTED]

Did you go further down Beachcroft Avenue to Orchard Avenue your reply to that was quote "No I went about $\frac{1}{2}$ way down Beachcroft Avenue and arrested a man named [REDACTED] assisted by [REDACTED] He assisted me to put the prisoner on a carrier" was what you said there correct.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] D.C.I. Perhaps you can explain.

[REDACTED] Not until I had subsequently seen a map of Beachcroft Avenue that I realised that the wall against which [REDACTED] was arrested was much further down Beachcroft Avenue in fact closer to the junction of Orchard Avenue. The relevance of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the change of carriers was not
apparent and it wasn't until
I really thought about the matter
that I remembered that there were
three carriers involved.

D.C.I. By 3 carriers you are referring to
the 3 carriers that [REDACTED] was
transported in at one time or another.

[REDACTED] Yes.

D.C.I. Are you quite sure that you and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] arrested [REDACTED] in
Beachcroft Avenue.

[REDACTED] Yes.

[REDACTED]

D.C.I. Was [REDACTED] stopped by any officers
[REDACTED] on your behalf.

[REDACTED] No, [REDACTED] caught him. [REDACTED]

D.C.I. I had to put that to you because of
[REDACTED] your uncertainty of just where
[REDACTED] was arrested when you
were interviewed in the early stages
a witness has said that a
carrier came down to the junction
of Orchard Avenue and 4
policemen jumped out of it 2 of
them grabbed an Indian youth
about 20 years of age and put
him in the van. The witness said
that the other 2 officers went to
a man nearby, the description
of PEACH and attacked him.
The only prisoner that we can
identify arrested on that corner
was [REDACTED] are you sure that

[REDACTED]

cont. [redacted] was stopped in Beachcroft Avenue by [redacted] and not 2 other officers out of a carrier.

[redacted] I'm certain. [redacted]

D.C.I. [redacted] You can appreciate now the importance of identifying the 2 Asian prisoners who were aboard the carrier with [redacted] and yourselves at the far end of Orchard Avenue. Do you know what happened to those 2 Asians.

[redacted] No. [redacted]

D.C.I. [redacted] Is it possible that you can be mistaken about [redacted] being caught by [redacted] in Beachcroft Avenue.

[redacted] No. [redacted]

[redacted]

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D.C.I. [REDACTED] That concludes all I wish to ask you at this time. Is there anything else you wish to tell me or ask me before you go.

[REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

Interview concluded 4.30 p.m.
[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 6B)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... No. 2 unit Special Patrol Group,
Whetstone Police Station
(200 - 2742)

This statement,* consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 30th day of April, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]
Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Monday, 23rd April, 1979, I was employed in uniform with my unit, which is no. 2 unit of the Special Patrol Group. We were employed at Southall for the National Front Meeting. I had an arrest at about 6.15pm. and went with my prisoner to Harrow Police Station. He was charged at 6.50pm and by about 7.30pm we left Harrow to return to Southall. I had in my carrier, [REDACTED] the driver, [REDACTED] the R/T Operator, [REDACTED] all from my unit and three 'W' District officers, all, I believe, shield training instructors. As we were travelling back to Southall in the SPG earlier, we heard a call for assistance from either 1 or 3 unit to a street in Southall. My operator knew the location and I told the driver to attend. We entered a road, which I now know to be Herbert Road, from the Broadway and drove down Herbert Road to where it bends to the right,

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

which I now know to be Orchard Road. At the bend we were confronted by another carrier facing towards us and I saw [REDACTED] from no. 1 Unit. He was wearing his protective helmet and his mackintosh. I saw other police officers in the vicinity some of whom I recognised as no. 1 unit officers. All the other officers were SPQ Officers I am sure, although I do not know all of them personally. On my arrival, [REDACTED] was standing in the roadway [REDACTED]. There was a film crew on the footway of Herbert Road on the right hand side near the junction with Orchard Road and appeared to be filming. The lights were on and facing towards orchard Road. I got out of the carrier and went over to [REDACTED] I asked him if I could do anything and he said no, it was all in hand. I returned to my carrier, intending to leave and rejoin my unit. At that point a 'V' District Officer asked me what was happening. I told him there had been a call for assistance, but everything appeared to be in hand. I then saw [REDACTED] go up to the carrier crew and ask them to move away along Herbert Road. There was quite a group of civilian people around the camera crew. The crew moved away and I heard [REDACTED] tell [REDACTED] to return to their carriers. This they did. The carrier containing [REDACTED] moved into the corner and we passed it on the offside and I then saw a second 1 unit carrier, also facing us, in Orchard Road, driven by [REDACTED]. That carrier reversed along Orchard Road, and we followed it and drove out along Orchard Road and into the Broadway. I recall nothing of note about that journey.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)

at: Southall Police Station

on: 26th April 1979
commenced 12.55 p.m.
terminated 13.28
present [REDACTED]

D. C.I. 'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 25 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand?'

A. I understand Yes. [REDACTED]

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Q. On 25 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit Leytonstone [REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My Sergeant - [REDACTED] and Inspector
[REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that
drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between
7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. Not put

Q. Do you remember which carrier you
were on when you arrived at Northcote Avenue?

A. Probably U19. I was also on the
other carrier at other times. My own
carrier was else where with prisoners and
I had got into one of the others.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields on the carrier and did you use one yourself?

A. We did have them on the carrier but I did not use one myself on that occasion. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your branchon drawn?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you draw it at any time?

A. I didn't have it with me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not put [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. I didn't hear anyone but there was a lot of noise around with broken bottles - screaming etc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. Both vehicles were being showered with missiles these were bricks, stones bottles and I saw polythene bags with a brown mixture in which I understood to be curry powder & pepper. I was sheltering behind shields slightly North of the centre of the road.

P1713

Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of
Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I did yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue
to Orchard Avenue?

A. I did Yes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. I'd seen an Asian type with a mustard jumper throwing missiles one of which had landed on the roof of the carrier. I'd heard from someone that he'd thrown the missile that had seriously injured my partner [REDACTED]. We had to move slowly because of all the missiles. There were other police vehicles there but I can't be more specific than that because I was watching out for myself. I went down into Orchard Avenue and I don't remember seeing any police vehicles. I went right into the cul-de-sac my suspect had disappeared so I went back up Beechcroft and rejoined my carrier

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Whilst in Orchard Avenue I spoke to
an Asian type small with steely grey
hair in the vicinity of 74-80. I
said something like "Good Evening" or
"Nice weather " or "How are you" -
just a friendly greeting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No but I saw a man being
carried into a house by 3/4 Asian
types - one of them had a turban on.
The man being carried was white
but I wouldn't recognise him again.
When I first saw them they were in
the front garden of the house next to
the alley. I didn't take too much
notice because I was isolated and
didn't want to be trapped anywhere.
I'd seen nothing untoward before then.

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Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. I saw no violence by any police officer, or by any private person other than the missile throwing earlier. At Beechcroft Avenue & Orchard Avenue I saw no violence by anyone. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] and another officer make an arrest at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue & Orchard Avenue?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. An arrest was made in the cul-de-sac. Did you see that?

A. [REDACTED] No.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about SpA on 23 April 1979 at Escherhoff Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. No nothing at all [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A. I can't add anything at all. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beachcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. No I Can't because at that time I was on my own. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there vehicles parked on either side of Beachcroft Avenue?

A. I seem to remember a Luton type van halfway down on the left side. There were probably other cars but I can't remember. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 26th April, 1979
commenced at 1.29 p.m.
finished at 1.31 p.m.
[REDACTED]

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Leytonstone. 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. As usual. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979? If so when?

A. Not put [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of _____
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness _____
 Address and Telephone Number 3 Unit Special Patrol Group
 Lyntonstone

This statement,* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 10th day of May, 1979.

Signed _____
 Signature witnessed by _____

On Monday 25th April 1979 I performed duty in uniform with No 3 unit Special Patrol Group at Southall. I wore a protective helmet and mac with my uniform. I was posted to Uniform 20 and my partner was _____ During the course of the day I had been present at various incidents where prisoners had been taken and early in the evening my carrier had gone away with those prisoners and my partner and I got on Uniform 19. It must have been that one because I remember that it got its windscreen broken. _____ was in the front of the vehicle and I was in the back. Apart from my partner and _____ I do not remember who else was on that carrier. That evening we were patrolling the Uxbridge Road and I remember that at one point we picked up a crate containing bottles and bricks from a corner. There were two crates and one was put on our carrier. I do not remember exactly where that was but the crates were deposited at a garage about half a mile further up the main road. When the crates were picked up.

Signed _____ Signature witnessed by _____

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

one or two missiles had been thrown from the large crowd that was about but none of these missiles came near the carrier. After depositing the crate at the garage, our carrier kept up a general patrol of the Uxbridge Road and the immediate area. We were travelling east in the Uxbridge Road where it is known as the Broadway, at about 8 o'clock or a little before, when we suddenly came under attack from missiles being thrown from the crowd which was at the junction with Northcote Avenue. It was so sudden and heavy that it appeared to have been organised. The other carrier, that is Uniform 21, was with us and both carriers did an about-turn and went west to get out of the range of the missiles. We turned about and then both carriers travelled east travelling side by side, towards Northcote Avenue. I think Uniform 21 was on the inside. As we approached Northcote Avenue for the second time we came under a very heavy barrage of missiles. Before we got to the junction the windscreen of my carrier was hit and starred on the offside near the driver. We turned into Northcote Avenue and I think we were last in. Both carriers stopped. There were people all around us but I particularly remember that the majority of the crowd was in the Broadway towards Beechcroft Avenue. Missiles were still being thrown at us and I got out of my carrier through the back door, and ran behind the vehicle for shelter. I moved back to the other vehicle I did not have a shield and I did not have my truncheon with me, I had left it in the carrier, in my briefcase. I noticed a tall asian in a red anorak who ran towards me. I went to stop him and he raised his fists as if to hit me so I hit him, a sharp blow on the chest. I tried to grab him by the arm but he managed to run off north up Northcote Avenue. The crowd to the north in Northcote Avenue had cleared so that all the trouble was now coming from the south that is

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

from Beechcroft Avenue. I was still by the side or between the two carriers when someone said and I believe it was [REDACTED] 'th [REDACTED] been hit'. I looked toward the carrier nearest the Broadway and saw [REDACTED] by the side door. He was pale and shaking and unsteady on his feet and obviously in great pain. Together with [REDACTED] I helped him to the carrier furthest from Beechcroft Avenue and the missiles. While we were carrying [REDACTED] a heavy missile hit a car parked by the side of the carrier. It was a green Hillman or Singer and the back window was smashed by the missile. We put [REDACTED] into the carrier and then I ran and joined officers with shields who were in the Broadway just north of the centre of the road, facing south, towards Beechcroft Avenue. I saw an Asian in a mustard coloured jumper throw a missile which hit one of the carriers on the roof. This Asian then went into Beechcroft Avenue and stood on the east pavement about 50 yards down by the side of a luton type van which was parked by the east kerb in Beechcroft Avenue. The man then came back towards us and joined other people near the corner. In my group there were three shields and I was either the second or third officer behind them. I think there was another shield group to our left towards the Town Hall. We moved forward towards Beechcroft and missiles were still coming at us. The man in the mustard jumper started running away towards Orchard Avenue with others. As we started to move forward the crowd started running down Beechcroft Avenue and we broke formation and ran after them. The missiles had stopped at this stage. I am not a fast runner and was not among the first away after the crowd. I ran down Beechcroft Avenue on the west side and I had to run through Asians who were standing about and who I assumed were residents. I saw the man in the yellow jumper turn right into Orchard

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Avenue swiftly followed by several police officers but I do not remember who. I did not see anyone turn left at the bottom. As I ran down the road I was aware of the sound of tyres skidding on the roadway. That was behind me. I think a carrier overtook me as I was about two-thirds of the way along Beechcroft Avenue. I did not see the carrier stop. All the police officers that I noticed were ahead of me as I ran down the road. I got to the bottom and did not notice anybody about, so I turned right to follow the other officers who by this time had all disappeared. Then two officers emerged from the garden of a home at the bottom of the cul-de-sac and they had detained a man. I do not know who they were but one had a shield and I do not think that they were 3 unit officers. The man who had been detained was a small Asian type. The man was taken away. It was all quiet. I did an about-turn and walked back towards Beechcroft Avenue. As I walked back I spoke to an Asian in the front garden of a house. Near the junction I saw a white man being carried by four Asian types from the front garden of a house into a house. The house was on the north side of Orchard Avenue, near to an alleyway. I think I saw a police vehicle nearby just to the east of the junction in Orchard Avenue. I then walked back up Beechcroft Avenue and re-joined my carrier. When I got on I saw the man with the yellow jumper in the van with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] During the run down Beechcroft Avenue I saw no resistance being made to police progress. I saw no arrests being made in Beechcroft Avenue. I did not see any officer using a truncheon but several officers had truncheons in their hands. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] (TW)
By [REDACTED]
at IS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 6.30 p
finished 6.35 p

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Barnes 1 p.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979?
If so when?

A. YES I drew my truncheon when stones
were being thrown at us about 6.20 p.m.
in the park. I arrested one asian male
at 6.30 p.m. and went eventually to Hammersmith
police station and charged at 11.30p.m. I
never went back to Southall. I went to
Barnes and off duty at 1.30 a.m., [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number ..448.....

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth)..... OVER 21 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group
Barnes Police Station
Tele 876 2352

This statement,* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

I am a member of No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group and have been since [REDACTED]. On Monday 23rd April 1979 together with other members of my unit I went to Southall to police a meeting and demonstration at the Town Hall. After operational feeding at Feltham we were called to Southall as whilst we were taking refreshments, there had been some forms of disturbance in the Southall area. I travelled to Southall in a carrier, the call sign of which I cannot remember except that [REDACTED] was driving, I was the operator and [REDACTED] was also on board. I think the call sign was U11. We arrived in Southall at about 3.30pm as far as I can remember because by this time all our watch had been handed in for safe keeping. The carriers of the Unit, U12, U13 and my carrier then patrolled the streets of Southall, being directed to a section by U50, our Chief Superintendent and as far as I can recall this was in the region of Lady Margaret Road. At about 5.30pm we noticed a large crowd in the Uxbridge Road near Park View Road, who seemed to be

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

getting out of hand and who were being encouraged by people with megaphones. Our carriers eventually parked in Park View Road but whilst here it appeared that a large crowd was attempting to isolate these carriers and all three vehicles eventually moved into the Uxbridge Road and stopped in that road a few yards from the junction of Park View Road. Nothing really happened there until about 6.30pm. At this time violence broke out amongst the crowd who began to stone the carriers and thus attempted to smash the windows. As they are all shatter proof their attempts were futile and they then made holes in the sides with metal spikes. Missiles were also thrown from every direction and we drew the shields and formed shield serials to defend ourselves and disperse the crowds. We charged the crowd and as I was pushing the crowd with a shield which I had and shouting at them to disperse, I was struck from behind by a West Indian male who kicked me in the back and I fell to the ground lying on top of my shield. As my arm was still trapped in my shield handle I could not get to my feet and I was kicked hard yet again. At this point because I was now isolated from the rest of my shield serial and surrounded by a very hostile crowd, I drew my stick and still from the ground, in a kneeling position I struck the West Indian on one of his thighs. He ran away and the crowd moved away from me as I got to my feet and then quickly rejoined my serial. We eventually chased the crowd into the park where they eventually dispersed. At about 6.25pm I was again with my shield serial which I think consisted of [REDACTED] and a couple of other officers from my unit whom I can't recall. We were then in the Uxbridge Road and at this point we noticed a Divisional serial under attack from heavy bombardment of missiles from a group of fifty Asians, in Oakwood Avenue. One of the serial was injured and being protected

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 59)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

by his colleagues with their shields. We got between them and the crowd which gave them time to withdraw to safety. The crowd however then concentrated their fire on us until one of our carriers arrived which I boarded and directed towards the crowd. As the vehicle approached they started to break up and as we drew level I noticed a man whom I had previously seen taking an active and leading role in the missile throwing. I leapt from the carrier and arrested him, a man called [REDACTED]. This man was taken to Southall Police Station and eventually transferred to Rochester Row and then finally to Hammersmith Police Station where he was charged. I left the scene at about 6.30pm and did not return to Southall again during that tour of duty. [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Special Patrol Group
Barnes Police Station

This statement,* consisting of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 5th day of June 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement which I made some weeks ago in connection with the death of Blair PEACH. I would like to explain the origin of a large wooden truncheon which was found when [REDACTED] searched my locker at 7.45pm tonight in my presence and which has been exhibited as AML/2. About six years ago I was serving at Harlesden when a colleague serving at the same station [REDACTED] resigned from the Force having served about nine years. On leaving he gave me the truncheon which was his original issue. The strap was missing but I replaced it. I joined the SPG in 1975 and I used the truncheon which I have recently surrendered, which was the short type, when working in plain clothes. The large truncheon which was found tonight I used mostly when I was in uniform. I would stress, however that although I was on duty in uniform in Southall on

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

23rd April, 1979, the day that PEACH was killed I was not carrying the long truncheon. At the time and date in question the long truncheon was at home. I should explain that I travel to and from my home address to work in uniform, on days that I am required to be in uniform, and I am in the habit of carrying my truncheon during my journeys. The truncheons which I carried on 23rd April, 1979 was my short one and this I have surrendered.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... [REDACTED]

Surrey

This statement,* consisting of 6 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 7th day of June, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group for about 4½ years. I was originally stationed at Hounslow and moved with 1 unit to Barnes about 2½ years ago. For the past two years my partner on the group has been [REDACTED]. As a partner of [REDACTED] we are normally posted together and work from the same carrier. We have become quite friendly through working together and have socialised together in as much as, at official functions we would sit on the same table. We obviously have met each others wives. However, we have not been out as a foursome with our wives. I have been to his house off duty on a couple of occasions to borrow tools or give him a hand with a job. I have been asked about [REDACTED] possession of a short lead filled leather cosh. I knew he had this 'black-jack' and that he got it on a trip to America some years ago with the International Police Association. I think he was staying

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

with an American Policeman who had given it to him as a souvenir. I recall some months ago seeing it and asking him about it and he told me that it was issued to police in America. I commented that ~~it was small and he said he thought it was the sort of thing a~~ woman officer might carry in her bag. I remember that the end of the cosh was worn away exposing the lead filling at the end. I also know that he has a bull whip with tassels on the end and he keeps this in his locker. I know he has had this for some time and I believe he got it from America. I also know that he keeps such things as case-openers (Jemmys) in his locker. These are used by the unit to assist us to break into 'squats'. It is common knowledge that [REDACTED] has these in his locker, in fact, our governors know. We look upon [REDACTED] as the 'armourer' of our unit. By this I mean if ever we need an implement to break into premises to conduct a search [REDACTED] can normally provide it. I know that he has a sledge hammer and one or two jemmys just for that purpose. I think I would describe [REDACTED] as a compulsive hoarder. He is the sort of chap that if he finds something he will keep it and put it in his locker in case some future date it might be needed. By this I mean such things, as petrol caps gloves or tools that he finds lying around. I have no knowledge of his possession of a crow-bar, pick-axe handle, brass handle or the driving licence in someone else's name.

At the time of the Southall demonstration on 23rd April.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

1979 [REDACTED] and I were on duty on the same carrier namely U.11. We were both assigned as crew which means we cover the driving and the operating of the radio transmitter. We normally change roles half way through the tour of duty but on this occasion we did not as I was engaged with a prisoner from about 6.30pm and I did not return to the carrier that day. Consequently I did not go to Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue on that day. As regards our tour of duty at the Southall demonstration I have no idea whether [REDACTED] had his official police truncheon with him or whether he was carrying anything else. Since the demonstration he has not mentioned to me whether or not he had his truncheon that day or whether he was carrying anything else, instead of it. I cannot think of anyone in the unit who would not take his truncheon with him for duty such as an incident as the Southall demonstration. In my opinion they would be foolish if they did not and in fact our [REDACTED] advises us to carry them. I have never known [REDACTED] to loan the American black-jack to anybody or for him to take it out of Barnes Police Station. He has never mentioned it to me that he has loaned it to anybody. Since the demonstration at Southall I haven't heard any discussion about how the man PEACH was injured, within our Unit. [REDACTED] has never expressed any theories about the incident and he has not discussed with me his actions in Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue that night I have no knowledge of [REDACTED] possession of any bunches of car keys. The only ignition keys I would expect him to have would be keys

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [redacted]

for the police-vehicles which as maintenance man I would expect him to hold.

[redacted]
Statement taken in presence of [redacted] and signature witnessed by me.

Further to the above statement I have today (7th June, 1979) been shown by [redacted] a 'black-jack' (Exhibit JW/1) which I identify as the black-jack to which I referred in the above statement as belonging to [redacted]. I have also been shown by [redacted] a leather whip (Exhibit JW/4) which I also identify as belonging to [redacted] and to which I have also referred in my above statement. I have also been shown a leather whip handle (Exhibit JW/1) I have never seen this leather item before.

[redacted]
Further statement taken in presence of [redacted] 7.6.79 and signature witnessed. [redacted]

Signed Signature witnessed by 1571

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Interview of: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED] 2)

at: Southall Police Station

on: Tuesday, 24th April, 1979.

at: 6.30 pm.

Terminated : 6.55 pm

'Inquiries are being made into the circumstances

surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31

who it is alleged received an injury to the head on

Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this

I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do

you understand.?'

A.

Yes. [REDACTED]

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Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes Sir, [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 Unit. [REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Sergeant [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between 7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. I don't know the area at all Sir. (shown plan)
Yes I know where we are. Yes I did. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not straight away Sir, when they started throwing bricks at us I went back to the carrier and got a shield. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not straight away Sir, after I got the shield I drew my truncheon, but put it away again because I needed both hands to carry the shield. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was throwing bricks at you? [REDACTED]

A. Indian and white youths who were on the opposite side of the road. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. Not to my knowledge Sir. There was so much noise it was very difficult to hear anything at the time. [REDACTED]

Q. Then why did you draw your truncheon?

A. I drew it because I was frightened, but realised that I couldn't use it because I needed both hands to carry the shield. [REDACTED]

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Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. We were in two transits. I was in the first one. We turned left towards that turning and there were a group of youths standing on the corner throwing missiles at Police. We stopped to break them up and move them on. As soon as we got out of the carrier youths on the other side of the road started throwing missiles at us. That is the other side of the Broadway. That's when I got my shield as did other officers. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of
Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

A. Is that the road opposite?

DGS. Yes. [REDACTED]

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue
to Orchard Avenue?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Tell me exactly what you did?

A. One of our officers got a brick in the
mouth thrown from the other side
of the road. An arrest was made and
I stayed there with my shield to protect
the officers behind me. [REDACTED]

Q. Did other officers go down Beechcroft Avenue?

A. All I can say to that is I don't
remember. Where the others went I
honestly couldn't say. [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. There was an unruly mob opposite
and I stayed there holding my ground. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you any knowledge of such a person
at that incident or immediately afterwards?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

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Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. The only one that I can talk about is the officer who got the brick in the mouth. Certainly I saw no violence by police. [REDACTED]

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Q. What information can you give surrounding the incident about Spm on 25 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. I never went in there Sir. [REDACTED]

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Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A. I've got nothing further to add to what I've already said. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you and their position in relation to you at the Broadway junction with Beechcroft Avenue. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] was behind me. He was the one who was injured. I honestly couldn't tell you where the others were in relation to me. I've just remembered that [REDACTED] was the driver and I think he remained in the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was [REDACTED]

A. I don't know where Sir. I can't say whether he was in front or behind me. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was [REDACTED]

A. I don't know Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you sure that there's nothing else you can tell me?

A. No, Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.35 p.m.
finished at 5.40 p.m.

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Leytonstone - 11.30 a.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. No. [REDACTED] - I didn't parade. I was giving blood as a donor. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979? If so when?

A. I took it out and put it away again. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number **No 3 unit Special**
Patrol Group
Leytonstone (JS)

This statement,* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

At 11.30 am on 23rd April 1979 I paraded at Leytonstone Police Station and spent the first hour on the maintenance of the three transit vans u by No 3 Unit. I put three protectors shields into each carrier. I did this on the instructions that I had previously received [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] At 12.30pm I took [REDACTED] to the London Hospital for treatment to his arm. We we in the GP car and afterwards went to the Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road as they needed a pint of my blood. I left the hospital just after 5pm. We then drove in the GP to Southall Police Station. As soon as I arrived I drove to Wembley Police Station to pick up [REDACTED] and two other PC's who had had prisoners. I am not sure but I think the other two PC's were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I drove them all back to Southall Police Station. I left the car at Southall and I then walked with the other officers to the Broadway to join our Unit. They were positioned near to a shoe shop which had [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

had the windows broken. To get there we had cut through an alleyway in order to by-pass the demonstration. This was at the back of the shop. Our three transits were parked in the Broadway facing away from the Town Hall. Some of the officers were seated in the transits and others were standing about. We were behind the main cordon and behind us were a number of people mainly Asian, who were standing watching. They were given the option of going away or of joining the main demonstrators between the two cordons of police. Some did this but some of the others refused to leave. There were a number of arrests by various officers. I do not know who they were as there was a number of Divisional officers there as well. The prisoners were placed in one of our transits and were taken to a charging centre. I am unable to give any indication of the times because I had left my watch off. I think we then returned to the transits and patrolled the Broadway area. I was on U19. As we started to patrol stones and missiles were thrown at the transits. We received information that a number of missiles in two crates were in the Broadway. We went to the location and took possession of the crates and deposited them behind the garage used by the police for petrol. I know that [REDACTED] was driving the transit and I think [REDACTED] was the operator. [REDACTED] was with me but the rest were a mixture of officers of J Unit. We returned back across the Broadway and there was again a big barrage of bricks at the carriers. We got out of the carrier and I took a shield. The people throwing were all in the Broadway, both sides of the road. I formed up with [REDACTED] another officer. [REDACTED] was in behind us. We dispersed the demonstrators in the Broadway and I then returned to the carrier with [REDACTED]. We boarded the carrier and again patrolled the Broadway.

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 5B)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

We had just turned into Northcote Avenue when we received a message from the other carrier that they were being stoned. We went back to the Broadway and as we got out I think that was when [REDACTED] told us to draw truncheons. There was a very large crowd who were shouting and throwing bricks, bottles and anything they could get their hands on. I got out of the carrier with my truncheon drawn. As there were a large number of missiles being thrown I got a shield and at this moment [REDACTED] was hit in the face with a brick. He was placed on the carrier and I decided it was a bit awkward to handle the shield with one hand so I put my truncheon away. I think by this time the rest of the Unit had pushed the demonstrators across the Broadway to the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. I was told to stay with the carriers. I think this was by [REDACTED] I stayed there on foot, outside the carriers. I was able to see along Beechcroft Avenue and there was a very large crowd of demonstrators there, mainly Asians who were throwing missiles. I saw two carriers of No 1 Unit come along the Broadway from the opposite direction to the Town Hall and turn right into Beechcroft Avenue. One of the carriers had a parking cone stuck underneath. I saw our Unit push down Beechcroft Avenue and some officers come back with prisoners. I can't say who these are. Shortly after this an ambulance arrived for [REDACTED] and I assisted him into [REDACTED]. The officers from my Unit came back shortly after and we got back on to the carrier and ^{Csg} continued patrolling.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit S.P.G.
 Leytonstone
 556 - 8855 Ext. 257/8

This statement,* consisting of [REDACTED] pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 16th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of the 4th May, 1979, I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can clarify one or two matters and in particular what happened just before and after the other unit carriers came along. To my knowledge none of 3 unit carriers or officers went down Beachcroft Avenue prior to the arrival of the other unit carriers. When I saw these carriers coming along the Broadway I did not notice whether or not the blue lights were flashing or whether or not the sirens were operating. I can certainly remember the first of the 2 carriers, the one with the cone underneath it, turn right into Beachcroft without stopping I remember our officers having to part to let them go through. I did not see it stop in Beachcroft. I cannot remember what happened to the 2nd Carrier. I don't know whether it stopped at the junction. I never saw or rather did not notice the 2nd carrier go into Beachcroft. I can only say that the 1st one definitely went down Beachcroft.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236 Southall Police Station

on: 24th April, 1979 8.35 pm.

'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand?'

A.

Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236, Southall Police Station

on: 24th April 1979 11 48 p.m.

'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand?'

A. Yes sir [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes I was sir [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No. 1 unit Sir [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q Who was your sergeant and Inspector
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A. The Inspector was [REDACTED] and the Sergeant
on my carrier was [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a Police transit van carrier that answered
a call to Beechcroft Avenue at between 7.45 pm and 8.5pm

A. Yes I was [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the carrier ?

A. Yes I did [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes we did [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. Nobody ordered [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. Well we received the call for assistance. It took two or three minutes to get there. We had to go round the back ways. When we got there I could see other police officers with their shields and in view of that I got out of the carrier and took a shield with me. We then went into Beachcroft Avenue from the main road. Several Police officers were some yards down the road. There was bricks and stones laying on the road at that junction. There were people throwing stones further down the road. We then just down the road, made our way to the bottom of the road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of
Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

Not applicable [REDACTED]

A.

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue
to Orchard Avenue?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. When I got there, there was more bricks and stones on the road. Most of the people who were doing the stoning or throwing had gone further down Orchard [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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9.

Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No I didn't [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons
in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. No I can't [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 8pm on 23 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. None whatsoever I'm afraid [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A.

No

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beachcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. I know [REDACTED], and another officer whose name I cannot remember, got out of the carrier. [REDACTED] stayed in the carrier. When we got out of the vehicle as I've said, the crowd had gone further up the road. So we returned to the vehicle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 12.07am 25.4/79

[REDACTED] R.

Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED] GIB (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 6.30 p.m.
finished at 6.32pm
Present [REDACTED]

Q. Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A. At Barnes at 2 pm [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979? If so when?

A. No. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Statement of _____
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness _____
 Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Unit S.P.G.
Barnes
876-2352

This statement,* consisting of 17 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of May, 1979.

Signed _____
 Signature witnessed by _____

I have a total of 10 years Police Service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group _____ years ago. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I paraded at Barnes at 2pm for duties at Southall. At the time of parading I was assigned to Carrier U.12, also aboard the Carrier at that time was: _____ (Driver), _____ and another Officer who I think was _____ I think _____ and _____ were also aboard. We went initially to Feltham where we were provided with a meal at about 3pm. About half an hour or so after the meal we went to the vicinity of Southall Police Station. Shortly after that we patrolled the side streets in the vicinity of the Broadway, it may have been North of the Broadway but I cannot be absolutely sure about that. We then went to Park View Road. We sat in the carrier at that location for an hour or so. We then went into the Uxbridge Road and sat in the Carrier just about

Signed _____ Signature witnessed by _____
 *Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

at the junction with Park View Road. Another S.P.G. Unit arrived at same time during the time we parked there but it moved away shortly afterwards. We were then told by a person I don't know who, that they, it may have been Special Branch, had people in the crowd who could speak the language and that they had said that the crowd intended to charge the Police line at half past six. At this time the Police line made up of divisional serials was across the Uxbridge Road to the West of Park View Road and our carrier was positioned between the Police line and the crowd. At the time we learned of the crowds intention to charge it must have been about half an hour or so before the charge started. When the charge began we got out of the carrier and went to assist in pushing the crowd back. Just as we pushed the crowd into the junction of Park View Road I saw bricks and bottles being thrown at us. I remember seeing a purple coloured flare go up at some time during that incident. I saw [REDACTED] also 1 Unit S.P.G. emerge from the crowd and saw that his mouth was bleeding. Someone shouted 'get some shields' and I then went back to the Carrier and got a shield. At that time I intended to go back to the crowd but other S.P.G. officers and I think a divisional Inspector returned to the Carrier with prisoners and I assisted them. At this time bricks and bottles were being thrown at the carrier and at me. After about 10 minutes the carrier was filled with prisoners and police officers. The carrier then went away with the prisoners and I remained at the scene with 2 other S.P.G. Officers. I do not remember who

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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they were. I saw mounted officers on horses ride into the crowd and that dispersed them. I then went with the other 2 S.P.G. Officers to assist a divisional serial in the Uxbridge Road but before I could do so the three of us were directed to rejoin our unit at Southall Police Station. I got back onto Carrier U.12. When we went off again the Officers aboard the carrier were; [REDACTED] (driver) [REDACTED] and myself. We then took up a general patrol of the area. I know one of the carriers on our unit went to hospital with injured Officers and I seem to recollect that the other carrier patrolled with us. We were involved in one or two minor incidents, whilst patrolling but this was merely to move people on. At sometime between 7.30pm and 8.00pm we were parked in a side road off the South side of Uxbridge Road. I do not know the name of the road but I seem to think it was Herbert Road. Carrier U.11 was parked up with us. We were parked facing towards the Broadway but I cannot recollect which carrier was in front of the other. I do not know who was in the Carrier U.11 at that time. Our carrier was manned by the same officers that had been aboard when I rejoined the Carrier outside Southall Police Station and as other officers were aboard. A call came over the Personal Radio, from whom I don't know, but I assumed it was another S.P.G. Unit, for urgent assistance. I thought this call was to Abbotts Road. As we came to the junction with the Broadway I saw a Police line and a large crowd to our left in the Broadway and we could not get through. Carrier U.11 turned right into the Broadway

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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and we followed. We then took a turning on the right of the Broadway which I think is called Heston Road. This turning is opposite the junction with Lady Margaret Road. We followed U.11 some distance down this road and then turned right along a street that ran parallel with the Broadway. They took another right hand turn and we followed. We followed them right into the Broadway. I do not know which road we travelled up to the Broadway but it was one of the roads west at Beachcroft Avenue. Throughout this journey both carriers had the blue lights flashing and the sirens were being used intermittently. We followed Carrier U.11 a couple of vehicles lengths behind it along the Broadway and as we approached the junction with Beachcroft Avenue I remember seeing one or two other S.P.G. Unit Carriers parked in the vicinity of that junction with their lights flashing. The carrier U.11 definitely stopped on the south West corner of the junction of the Broadway and Beachcroft Avenue and we pulled up behind it. I think Carrier U.11 was parked partially on the pavement. I saw a line of Police Officers behind shields just in Beachcroft Avenue and they were facing towards Orchard Avenue. I know bricks or stones were being thrown towards these officers because before I even got out of the carrier I could see and hear the odd one hitting the shields. I got out of the carrier with my shield. I saw [redacted] get out but I cannot say whether he had a shield or not. [redacted] got out with a shield. [redacted] got out, I think he had a shield but I am not sure. I did not see any of these officers draw truncheons. I did not draw my

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by [redacted]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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truncheon. During the course of the afternoon [REDACTED] had told us to draw truncheons and to take shields as we individually considered necessary. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can remember seeing any of the officers in the carrier U.11 dismount from the carrier at the time we dismounted and I cannot. I have also been asked if I can remember seeing the carrier still stationary at the time I dismounted and the truth is I cannot remember seeing it at all after it had stopped. It may have still been there or it may have driven off. The fact is I just cannot remember. I have been asked if I knew who was aboard the carrier U.11 at the time we pulled up and as I mentioned earlier I did not know who was on that carrier that day. I know [REDACTED] was aboard that carrier earlier that day but whether he was still aboard at the time we stopped at the junction with Beachcroft I just cannot remember. As I got out of my carrier I saw that the line of Police in Beachcroft had gone and when I came round into the junction I saw them about a third of the way down Beachcroft running towards the junction with Orchard Avenue. The crowd was running in front of them in the same direction. When I say crowd I mean about 10 or 20 people I couldn't have thought it could have been much more. I do remember seeing a number of broken bricks and stones in the road in the first half of Beachcroft Avenue. I have been asked specifically if I can remember if the crowd were Asian, white or perhaps a combination of both and I can only answer that by saying that I was too far away to be able to say. I ran down the East footway of Beachcroft Avenue and I remember passing [REDACTED] about half way down. He was also

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Signature witnessed by..

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running towards Orchard Avenue. I cannot recall seeing any people other than Police Officers between me and the front line of officers as we ran down Beachcroft. I cannot remember who the officers were other than [REDACTED]. I ran right to the bottom of Beachcroft Avenue to the junction of Orchard Avenue. I remember looking right along Orchard Avenue and seeing 2 police officers about half way along Orchard Avenue. I cannot recall which side of the road they were on. They just appeared to be looking around. I do not recall seeing any other person along that stretch of road. I saw a number of Police Officers along the other end of Orchard Avenue. I saw a number of ~~asians~~ either walking or running into houses on the left hand side, the North side, or Orchard Avenue. I must have stood at the North East junction of Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue for about 20 seconds and I would say it was no more than 30 seconds. I cannot remember seeing any Police Officer or civilian at that junction whilst I stood there. I certainly never spoke to anyone at that junction and neither did anyone speak to me. All I can remember is that when I turned round I saw my carrier U.12 about 5 yards behind me. It was parked right on the junction outside no. 62 Orchard Avenue. I am able to say that because I have looked at a map of Orchard Avenue and no. 62 is shown clearly at the junction where I saw my carrier. I do not know if the carrier had been parked at the junction at the time I got to the junction. I am only aware that it was there when I looked around. I have no recollection of any carrier passing me when I went down Beachcroft

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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or of seeing one in front of me when I was going down Beachcroft I got into the carrier by way of the door behind the operators seat on the near side. As I got aboard the carrier I saw [REDACTED] was now in the drivers seat and [REDACTED] as the only person aboard the vehicle at that time. Shortly after I got aboard sergeant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got in but I cannot remember which one of them arrived first although I seem to think it was [REDACTED]. I cannot remember where [REDACTED] got into the Carrier and I seem to think it was when we got near the junction at Herbert Road. I don't know what happened to [REDACTED] as where he was picked up I can only say that I remember him being aboard the carrier again much later in the evening. When I and the other officers I have mentioned boarded the Carrier at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue it was driven away towards Herbert Road within a minute of me having boarded it. I do remember that as we had driven away a few yards I saw a Police Officer chasing a man down an alley on the left hand side, the North side, of Beechcroft Avenue. I am unable to describe that man and I do not know who the officer was or whether he caught the man. We did not stop other I think than to pick [REDACTED] up. We stopped in Orchard Avenue again at the junction with Herbert Road and pulled up immediately behind the carrier U.II. I did not see who the Officers were who were on that Carrier or how many there were. I am also unable to say whether or not there were any prisoners aboard that carrier. I know for certain that there were no prisoners aboard our carrier. I do not know how

Signed: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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U.ll got to where it was parked except to say that it must have been driven there either before or after I had gone down Beachcroft. I have no recollection of any Carrier passing me in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can remember seeing any injured person in Beachcroft Avenue or at the junction with Orchard Avenue and the answer to that is no. At some time after we had parked behind Carrier U.ll in Orchard Avenue at the junction with Herbert Road another S.P.G. Unit Carrier came down Herbert Road and pulled up immediately in front of and facing the carrier U.ll. At this time [REDACTED] reversed our carrier into one of the alleys on the North Side of Orchard Avenue and we drove west and back into Beachcroft Avenue. I cannot remember seeing any Police Officers in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue as we drove back and the only civilians I recall seeing at this time were those standing in the doorways. I forgot to mention that when we parked our carrier in Orchard Avenue at the junction with Herbert Road I saw 2 police officers standing on the south footway in Orchard Avenue opposite the Carrier U.ll. I do not know who they were but they appeared not to be S.P.G. Officers because they took no notice of us or of our carriers. The officers were just standing there I did not see them doing anything. As we drove up Beachcroft Avenue I saw bricks still in the road but we did not stop. I do remember the Carrier U.ll. Following us back along Orchard Avenue and into Beachcroft but I still cannot say who was aboard it. I have been asked if I saw any of the Officers from my carrier talking to anyone from Carrier ll either in Beachcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue and I did not and neither did I do so. I have also

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

been asked by [REDACTED] if I can recall any conversation aboard my carrier after I boarded it at the junction of Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue. All I can remember being said by someone that they were hot and tired. We then continued patrolling and I think U.11 and U.13 were with us. We took refreshments in one of the side streets and then continued patrolling after that and our duties thereafter were mainly confined to moving people on. I forgot to mention that after I had paraded for duty at Barnes that day I got permission from [REDACTED] to move to Southall in my own vehicle as that station was very much nearer to my home than Barnes. In the event however this did not save me any time because [REDACTED] asked me if I would take [REDACTED] back to Barnes as he had by then been released from hospital. The reason I was asked to do this was because our Unit G.P. Car was up in town with one of our officers who had been involved in an arrest. This I did and was booked off I think at 2am. The first time that I knew that anyone had died during the demonstration was when [REDACTED] telephoned me at home the following morning prior to taking up duty at Southall all the officers on my carrier had handed our watches to [REDACTED] to look after. The purpose of her telephoning me was to enquire whether or not she had given me the wrong watch back as she had one left over which did not belong to the outstanding officer. At this time [REDACTED] said to me 'Did you know that someone had died at Southall' I said 'No' and she said 'He died in the house' I assumed that she meant the house where a lot of West Indians were in Park view Road. Nothin more was said about it. I then saw it on

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

the one o'clock news and learned for the first time that the man had died in Beachcroft Avenue. I think they named the man but did not show a picture of him. I later saw a picture in a newspaper, which one I do not recall, of the deceased whose name was given as PEACH. I cannot recall seeing this man at the demonstration or indeed ever. When I went to work at 5pm or 6pm the day following the demonstration I heard some general chat about whether or not I knew someone had died but I do not remember who it was who spoke to me. The death of PEACH was certainly not discussed in my presence. The only time th we were spoken to collectively was at BARNES, I think the day after th demonstration. At this time [REDACTED] told us that it was likely that we would be interviewed and that we should tell the interviewers what had happened and the truth as we remembered it. That has absolutely covered my knowledge of the demonstration. I would like to say that I never drew my truncheon at all during my tour of duty at Southall. I cannot think of anything else that can assist in this matter as we seem to have covered everything.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

9881

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25th June 1979

Room 905

NSI

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 1 Unit SPG

Commenced. 11.6 am

Terminated 12.55pm

No other person present

DCI I am [REDACTED] and this is
[REDACTED] I appreciate
that you have already
completed a questionnaire
and have made a
witness statement in relation
to your knowledge of the
events that occurred
during a demonstration at
Southall on the 23.4.79.
There are one or two
matter arising out of

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

What you have said
that I'd like to clarify and
go over with you again.
I'd like to start from the
time that you received a
call over the air to assist
three unit at about 8pm
on the 23rd April. At that
time were you aboard
a carrier Uniform 12? [REDACTED]

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. And from your statement
you have also said
that aboard that carrier
at that time was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Is that correct. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall that at the time you received that call if carriers Uniform 11 and 12 - 13 were together. [REDACTED]

A. I don't think 13 was there. [REDACTED]

Q. How long had you been parked up prior to receiving the call. [REDACTED]

A. Could be ten minutes could be longer. I really don't know now. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing [REDACTED] in the vicinity of your carriers when you were parked. [REDACTED]

A. No I don't. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing any of the officers being out of the carrier when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

you were parked. [REDACTED]

A. I don't remember I can't
remember anyone getting
out [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember who the officers
were in the other vehicles
who were parked with you. [REDACTED]

A. No I don't sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was driving your
carrier. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember who the
operator was. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember where
[REDACTED] was sitting. [REDACTED]

A. I think in the passenger
door that would be at
the back. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Was he on the offside or
nearside of the vehicle. [REDACTED]

A. That would be the nearside
Sir where the door is. [REDACTED]

Q. Would he have been sat
immediately behind the
operator. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. That leaves [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and yourself.
Can you remember where
you were sitting. [REDACTED]

A. No I can't we were
all in the back. [REDACTED]

Q. All three of you could
have been behind [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Not necessarily. One could
have been sat opposite him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was there any other officer aboard your carrier at that time. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] aboard your carrier at that time? [REDACTED]

A. Not at that time sir, no. [REDACTED]

Q. And you're absolutely sure about that. [REDACTED]

A. I'm certain he got on the carrier later but prior to receiving that call I'm absolutely certain he wasn't with us. [REDACTED]

Q. When do you remember seeing him later. [REDACTED]

A. After the incident took place in Beechcroft or whatever. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Would you clarify that. [REDACTED]

A. I presume you mean where this man Peach was supposed to have been killed. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did he join your vehicle? [REDACTED]

A. I think in the Uxbridge Road which would be the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps I could summarise the events we are referring to. Is it correct that on answering the call your carrier were engaged in Beechcroft Ave and Orchard Ave? Is that correct. [REDACTED]

A. Yes thats correct sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Having dealt with matters there did you park up for a short while at the Herbert Road end of Orchard Road. [REDACTED]

A. Yes we did for a minute. [REDACTED]

Q. Did the carrier then turn round drive back along Orchard Ave up Beechcroft Ave to the Broadway. [REDACTED]

A. Yes it did sir. [REDACTED]

Q. How soon after you arrived at the Broadway did [REDACTED] arrive at your carrier. [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was he on his own. [REDACTED]

A. That I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember how far it was from Beechcroft Ave when [REDACTED] got in your carrier. [REDACTED]

A. No I can't sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember who was on your carrier when [REDACTED] got on your carrier. [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] I can't remember anyone else. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember who was driving your carrier at that time. [REDACTED]

A. I think [REDACTED]. I'm not sure. [REDACTED]

Q. At that time were any prisoners aboard your carrier. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. I know that you were not familiar with the area but is it correct that your and carrier 11 took a route when answering the call which culminated in both carriers travelling East along the Broadway to the 1/4 Beechcroft Ave. [REDACTED]

A. Yes that correct sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. And was carrier 11 in front of you to the best of your recollection [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. How far were you behind that carrier as you travelled along the Broadway [REDACTED]

A. A few yards. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember seeing anyone in that carrier as you travelled along that you recognized. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. On that journey can you remember hearing a noise from underneath your carrier which may have suggested that

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

something was caught up under
the wheels. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember hearing
any noises coming from
the carrier in front of you. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. I'd like to refer now to your
statement which you made
on the 11.5.79.
in which you said the
Carrier Uniform 11 definitely
stopped on the south west
corner of the j/w the
Broadway and Beechcroft Ave.
Is what you said there
correct? [REDACTED]

A. I'm certain it is sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. And you carried on in your statement by saying 'And we pulled up behind it'. Was what you said about that correct. [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Again carrying on from there you said 'I think carrier Uniform 11 was parked partially on the pavement'. Is that correct [REDACTED]

A. I think so sir, yes [REDACTED]

Q. Could you be mistaken. [REDACTED]

A. Well yes I could be anyone could make a mistake. I didn't think I had. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. You carried on by saying
I saw a line of police officers behind shields just in Beechcroft Ave and they were facing towards Orchard Ave
I know bricks and stones were being thrown towards these officers because before I even got out of the carrier I could see and hear the odd one hitting the shields.
Is that correct? [REDACTED]

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. You continued by saying
I got out of the carrier with my shield I'd like
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Could you be mistaken about that. [REDACTED]

A. The only one I could possibly be mistaken about is B. [REDACTED]

Q. Carrying on from what you've said in your statement, you said quote 'I got out of the carrier with my shield'. Is that right. [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. You then say I saw [REDACTED] get out but I cannot say whether he had a shield or not. [REDACTED] got out with a shield. [REDACTED] got out I think he had a shield but I'm not sure.

[REDACTED]

you to think very carefully about your reply to this because its very relevant and important to this investigation. Did you get out of the carrier in The Broadway. [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir, right on the junction but to all intents and purposes in the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. I've got a copy of a plan [REDACTED]
Can you mark on your plan where your carrier stopped and you debussed. [REDACTED]

11.45 am
JW

Plan marked A by [REDACTED]

Can you mark on that plan where you think Uniform 11 stopped and mark that B
(Done)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

was that correct. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] may have
got out first otherwise
it is correct. [REDACTED]

Q. From what witnesses
have said including
police officers some of
whom were on your own
carrier I must put to you
that you are quite wrong
in saying that you
stopped in the Broadway
and debussed there. [REDACTED]

A. No sir as I remember it
that's where we stopped. [REDACTED]

Q. A number of civilian witnesses
have said that both
carriers turned into
Beecheroff Ave from the Broadway at speed
and drove straight down
Beecheroff Ave.
You disagree with that

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A. Yes I do sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. This officer's made a statement where he mentions travelling in convey along the Broadway I think its agreed that at the time you received the call to assist 3 unit carriers 11 and 12 took the same route and 13 took a different route This culminated however in all three carriers arriving at the j/v Beechcroft Ave at the same time in the order 11, 12 and 13. That put your carrier and 11 in front of 13 and [REDACTED] had this to say 'I'm sure that uniform 11 was leading

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I saw the 2 carriers in front turn into a road on the night which I now know to be Beechcroft. Is [redacted] wrong about that. [redacted]

A. I think he must be because I don't remember seeing uniform 15 at that location I thought they had gone for refreshment. [redacted]

Q. [redacted] mentioned being flagged down by a PC at the junction who I think was [redacted] of 3 unit and he was directed to a different location. [redacted] said this 'I was stopped at the mouth of Beechcroft Ave. half turned into the Road. I saw the back end of the carrier travelling

[redacted]

[redacted]

down Beechcroft. Is [REDACTED]
wrong. [REDACTED]

A. Yes he is. As I said
to you before my carrier
eventually went down
it might have been before
or just after I got out
It went down but it was
after I got out. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. He said my carrier was
third in line the 2 units
in front of me I believe
went into Beechcroft my
carrier was stopped at
the junction by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Are we talking about the
same incident. I'm having
some doubts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] on your carrier. Is that correct. [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] said this. 'We then followed uniform 11 through a number of back streets which were unfamiliar to me and eventually we turned right into the Broadway Uniform 11 was about 50 yards ahead of me' he then goes on to describe what he saw at that junction and said this 'Uniform 11 turned into Beechcroft Ave as did we'. Is [REDACTED] wrong? [REDACTED]

A. Yes I think he must be. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. He continued by saying
my carrier stopped
approximately 20-25 yards
south of the junction.
Do you think he's wrong
about that? [REDACTED]

A. Yes I do. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] the driver of
your carrier said this
'I was right behind uniform
11 as he approached the
J/w Beechcroft Ave. ' He
then described what he saw
at the junction and
said this 'Uniform 11
turned into Beechcroft Ave
and stopped about 50
feet down the road
I stopped just behind
him slightly offset to the
right' Is [REDACTED] wrong. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. He might be, he
knows where he stopped
I'm certain I got out
there. Pointed to A. [REDACTED]

Q. I appreciate there can
be confusion but where
your carrier stopped
is vitally important to
this investigation. Did
you stop in the
Broadway. [REDACTED]

A. I'm almost sure we did sir. [REDACTED]

Q. I must put this to you
Did anyone say to you
it would be better if it
was said that your
carrier stopped and the crew
debussed in the Broadway. [REDACTED]

A. No they did not sir. [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement you
said I saw a line
of police officers behind
shields and they were
[REDACTED]

facing towards Orchard Ave
This was as your vehicle
stopped at the junction
Can you draw a line
on the plan and mark
it G where this line of
officers were.

Plan marked 'G'. [REDACTED]

Q. Those officers would have been
three unit officers is that so. [REDACTED]

A. I would guess they were. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED]

A. Vaguely by sight. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing
him at that junction [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. You continued in your statement by saying this 'As I got out of my carrier I saw that the line of police in Beecheroff had gone and when I came round into the junction I saw them about a 1/3rd of the way down Beecheroff running towards Orchard Ave. Would you mark the plan with a D and make a line on the plan where you think they were.

Plan marked D.

You then go on to describe in your statement how you ran down the East footway of Beecheroff Ave and into Orchard Ave.

[REDACTED]

Can you mark on that
plan with a dotted line
the route that you took
along those roads. Plan
marked with a dotted line & H.
I note that you terminated your
run at the j/w Beechcroft
Can you mark where you
went from there [REDACTED]

A. Back on to the carrier sir [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps you will now mark
on there where the
carrier was stopped when
you boarded it. [REDACTED]

A. It would be a rough guess
but something like that
It may have been square
on. I'm almost sure its
as I've shown. Plan marked F. [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement you
mentioned passing [REDACTED]
about halfway down
Beechcroft, perhaps you
[REDACTED]

would mark on the plan
where you think [REDACTED]
was when you passed
him. Plan marked G. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember any other
officers that you saw in
Beachcroft Ave. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. When you boarded the
carrier at the junction who
was driving it. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Who else was aboard the
carrier when you boarded
it. [REDACTED]

A. No-one that I can
remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any prisoners
aboard that carrier. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you speak to anyone at that junction. [REDACTED]

A. Not that I can remember sir. [REDACTED]
I might have spoken to [REDACTED] when I got back on board but if you mean on the junction. No. [REDACTED]

Q. I know that you have said before that you don't remember seeing any injured person at that junction I must ask you again whether you did. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. I don't recall seeing anyone. [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement you mention that shortly after you got aboard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got in would that have been at the same junction. [REDACTED]

A. Yes sir.

Q. To your knowledge did any other officers follow you down Beechcroft Ave. [REDACTED]

A. I don't think so sir. [REDACTED]
was obviously behind me

Q. Were you with [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] on that corner together. [redacted]

A. I cannot remember [redacted] only
when he opened the door of the
carrier to get in. [redacted]

Q. Are you quite sure you
didn't see an injured
man on that pavement. [redacted]

A. No sir. [redacted]

Q. From your reply I gather you
didn't see an injured man
on that pavement. [redacted]

A. That's correct. [redacted]

Q. From your statement you mentioned
that as far as you can remember
[redacted] get back aboard the carrier
when it was near the j/v Herbert Road.
Is that right. [redacted]

A. I can't remember now sir. [redacted]

Q. Can you remember where he did
get in. [redacted]

A. He certainly didn't get in where
I got in. [redacted]

Q. And you said I don't know
what happened to [redacted]
or where he was picked up

I could only say that I remember him being aboard the carrier again much later in the evening.

Can you now remember where it was that [REDACTED] joined the carrier. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement you had this to say about what you saw when you travelled along Orchard Ave.

'I do remember that as we'd driven away a few yards

I saw a police officer chasing a man down an alley on the left hand side, the North side of Orchard Ave.' Can you mark on the plan where that happened. [REDACTED]

A. I can't sir. There are two or more alleys. I could only guess. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Was that Police officer [REDACTED]

A. I don't know who it was. [REDACTED]

Q. Having reached the far end of Orchard Ave did your carrier pull up behind 11. [REDACTED]

A. Yes I think it did. [REDACTED]

Q. Were any prisoners put aboard your carrier at that time. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. And you can be certain of that. [REDACTED]

A. 99% [REDACTED]

Q. Still at that location can you remember if any prisoners was taken from your carrier and placed aboard, 11 [REDACTED]

A. No sir. I don't think we had any prisoners aboard. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you able to see if 11 had any prisoners aboard. [REDACTED]

A. I didn't look sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing any of the crew of 11 when you were parked at the end of Orchard Ave that you recognised. [REDACTED]

A. No sir that's because I can't remember who was on 11. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing [REDACTED] in or near those carriers or that location. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing [REDACTED] in or near those carriers at that location. [REDACTED]

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED]

A. Yes, sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED]
in Beechcroft or Orchard
Ave. [REDACTED]

A. No sir, can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED]

A. Yes, sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing him
in Beechcroft or Orchard Ave. [REDACTED]

A. No I don't sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing
any of these officers in
Orchard or Beechcroft Ave
[REDACTED]
or [REDACTED]

A. No I don't sir. [REDACTED]

Q. When you drove away from
Orchard Ave, who was
driving.

A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Who was the operator. [REDACTED]

A. I don't know sir. I think [REDACTED] I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you go when you left Orchard Ave. [REDACTED]

A. We went back towards the Broadway. I think we done a short patrol and went for refreshment. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall a coloured prisoner being placed aboard your carrier in either Beechcroft or Orchard Ave. [REDACTED]

A. I don't remember that sir. [REDACTED]

Q. There are one or two things I'll ask you again. Are you still certain that your carrier stopped and you debussed in the Broadway [REDACTED]

A. As certain as I can be. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Are you equally certain that you didn't see any injured person at the j/w Beechcroft and Orchard Ave. [REDACTED]

A. I did not sir. [REDACTED]

Q. I think thats all I need to put to you at this time [REDACTED] I'll go over the points that were raised. Is there anything else you'd like to say to me about this? [REDACTED]

A. I can't tell you anything else sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps you'd read the questions and answers as [REDACTED] recorded them. If there's anything you wish to alter or add you may do so. Would you please initial each question and answer and sign the bottom of each page. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview recorded on THIRTY SIX 36
pages. At the conclusion

[REDACTED] initialled each question

and signed the bottom of each

page. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GIB(2)

25.6.79 1.32 pm

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]

by [REDACTED]

at [REDACTED] 8.40 pm

on [REDACTED] 24.4.79

recorded by [REDACTED]

Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of BlairClement Peach, aged 31 who it is alleged received an injury to the head on Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do you understand?

A. Yes

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2.

Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No. 3 unit

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between 7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. Yes I was the driver

Q. Did you get out?

A. No

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes we had them in the van

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. Yes / - the carrier on a whole
but not me personally.
[REDACTED] gave the command

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. The crowd were very tense and aggitated, and violent ie. they were throwing missiles at police personnel, such as bricks, bottles, large pieces of concrete, cans and pieces of wood, and similar type missiles. Constantly yelling and shouting at police.

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7.

Q Did you advance forward towards the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue ?

A. Not me personally, but the rest of my carrier did. I stayed in the carrier in Northcote Avenue, with my operator.

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue to Orchard Avenue ?

A. Not me personally. I don't know whether the rest of the carrier did or not.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Well all I can say is that very shortly after the rest of the carrier left the vehicle 2 officers brought back an injured PC and that was [REDACTED] who had facial injuries, and then [REDACTED] called for an ambulance, we attended [REDACTED] whilst waiting for an ambulance

Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No

Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. No we were pre-occupied with attending the injured PC and our attention was focussed on him; although we were aware of the situation, due to the fact of the bombardment of missiles bouncing of the carrier in which we were in.

Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 8pm on 23 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. No none at all.

(1A)

Q. Did you see any other officers go into any of the homes in that area ?

A. No none of them

(11B)

Q. Did you see any of the police officers go into a front garden?

A. No

Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A. No I cannot help with any further information regarding the enquiry

(12 A)

Q. Were the officers from your carrier wearing helmets or flat - caps

A. Helmets - all of them, including myself.

(12 B)

Q. Were the officers from your carrier wearing raincoats.

A. To the best of my recollection they all were.

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beechcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. Yesterday there were 9 officers, in my carrier but I would not know if they went into Beechcroft Avenue as I remained in the carrier in Northcote Avenue. However the officers posted to my carrier were

[REDACTED]

and myself.

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Interview of [REDACTED] (JS)
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.40 p.m.
finished at 5.44 p.m.

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Leytonstone - 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979?
If so when?

A. No. [REDACTED]

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2.

Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

[REDACTED]
Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number105.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit
Leytonstone (J.S)

This statement,* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 3rd day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was on duty with no. 3 unit SPG at Southall. I was posted as driver of Uniform 19. I was dressed in full uniform with a protective helmet and raincoat. [REDACTED] was on the carrier and we had a full crew. [REDACTED] was R/T Operator. At one part of the evening we were patrolling in the Broadway. It was approximately 1945 hours. We given information by a civilian coach driver that a mob of people who were mainly Indian or Asian youths which had gathered at the end of Beechcroft Avenue had with two milk crates full of bricks, concrete bottles and general debris which could be used for throwing. We went West along the Broadway to that location and [REDACTED] got out with other officers. On our approach the crowd scattered revealing the crates which we put on our carrier for safe keeping. I recollect that for some reason [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] chased down Beechcroft Avenue after someone, but I don't know why.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

They returned to the carrier and we continued on. The crowd was prominent all the time. We continued along the Broadway for about half a mile until we were clear of any gatherings and deposited the milk crates behind the buildings of a filling station for safe keeping where they couldn't be seen by the general public. We then turned round and drove back along the Broadway towards the crowds and the Town Hall to pick up two of our crew which we had left in the alleyway adjacent to no. 71 The Broadway. We picked them up and as a result of what they told us we turned round and drove back along the Broadway in the direction of the filling station where we had left the ammunition. It was at this stage that the crowd that had re-gathered at the junction with Northcote Avenue and the Broadway began to throw missiles at the carrier. I only saw the missiles being thrown by the crowd on the North side. The crowds were becoming more hostile towards us in particular and the debris became heavier. We continued up the Broadway for about 200 yards. We were with another carrier uniform 21 at this time. We then turned around and both carriers drove back towards Northcote Avenue. It was at this stage that the flak became really heavy as we approached the junction with Northcote Avenue and the Broadway. The crowds which had increased on both sides of the road began showering both carriers with a hail of stones, bricks, lumps of concrete, cans, bottles and it was at this stage that the windscreen of the carrier I was driving was hit on my side and the operators side causing the screen to splinter even though the glass is special laminated protective glass designed for use in situations such as

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Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules. 1968, r. 58)

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the one we found ourselves in. The crowd were by this time shouting and screaming abuse and showering both vehicles with debris. I drove the carrier into the junction of Northcote Avenue, as my vehicle was on the nearside of the road, the other carrier followed me in. I would estimate the crowd at this junction to be approximately 200-300. I stopped the carrier a few yards into Northcote Avenue and as we did so we were again showered by missiles from the crowd on both sides of the junction - that is the Beachcroft Avenue side of the Broadway as well. [REDACTED] told the crew to get the shields out and to draw truncheons and the officers in the carrier got out. [REDACTED] my operator left the carrier momentarily, assessed the situation and immediately got back in and called for urgent assistance over the R/T. Almost immediately [REDACTED] was carried back to the carrier having been hit by a missile and myself and [REDACTED] obviously stayed with him and [REDACTED] called for an ambulance via the R/T as [REDACTED] was obviously seriously injured. Whilst this was going on a section of the crowd which had run north in Northcote Avenue were still throwing missiles which were bouncing off the bonnet and roof and I was aware of other missiles hitting the rear doors and sides of the carrier obviously being thrown from the crowd on the South side of the Broadway by the crowd in Beachcroft Avenue. The unit had formed up as shield teams and was advancing across the Broadway towards Beachcroft Avenue and by this time the crowd in Northcote Avenue had disappeared. I was still tending to [REDACTED] when I saw other carriers arrive from the West to assist the officers in the shield teams, who to my recollection had reached the entrance

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

[REDACTED]

of Beechcroft Avenue. The carriers arrived with emergency lights and horns going. With this what crowd remained scattered. The next thing the ambulance arrived and we assisted [REDACTED] to it. As far as I can remember we reversed out into the Broadway so as to face West and awaited the re-group of the unit. One of the carriers that arrived had an orange parking cone stuck under the front. It slewed round the corner into Beechcroft crossing the south west pavement as it did so. I didn't see where it went. I didn't see what happened to the other carriers. We eventually got our personnel back on the carrier and continued patrolling. I would like to say that the roadway around this junction of Beechcroft Avenue, Northcote Avenue and the Broadway was strewn with rocks, bricks, slabs of concrete pieces of paving stone, bottles, cans and pieces of wood. All of which had been thrown at us. I only momentarily looked up to see the carrier go into Beechcroft Avenue and have no recollection of anything that happened other than at the junction.

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Q R A

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth).....
 Occupation of Witness..... Police Constable.....
 Address and Telephone Number..... No 3 Unit SPG
 Leytonstone

This statement,* consisting of 4 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 16th day of May, 1979.

Signed.....
 Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement of 3rd May 1979. I have been asked to clarify the following points. I can now recall that when we stopped in the Broadway at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue to pick up the milk crates containing missiles after [redacted] and [redacted] chased someone down Beechcroft Avenue I then drove 'Unifor 19', I believe back along the Broadway, down Herbert Road and into Orchard Avenue. We pulled up facing the cul-de-sac at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue. [redacted] and [redacted] came out of an alley which was beside 71 Orchard Avenue. They got back on board. I cannot remember anyone getting out the carrier and we drove up Beechcroft Avenue to The Broadway as I have previously described. This would have been about 15 to 20 minutes before we called for urgent assistance at Northcote Avenue. Just after this I stated that we picked up two officers near 71 Broadway. Those were [redacted] and [redacted] what they told us was that they had seen a petrol bomb

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

thrown in the Broadway. When we parked in Northcote Avenue we were first in the junction with Uniform 21 immediately behind us and with his rear end stopped about level with the Broadway. I have been asked about the carrier I saw. I cannot recall seeing other carriers but there may have been. The one that I did see came from the west with an orange traffic cone under the front wheels. It was making a lot of noise. It drove across the top right hand corner of the pavement of Beechcroft Avenue and slewed into Beechcroft Avenue. I saw it enter the junction. I did not see it stop and I cannot truly say whether it did so or continued down the Avenue. At the time that the carrier went into Beechcroft Avenue I was aware that the 3 Unit officers had reached the pavement line on the far side of the Broadway. There were occasional missiles still being thrown.

Next day we paraded for duty at Leytonstone at 10am and then went to Southall where in the morning we were employed on Station security. As soon as we got there [REDACTED] went to see various senior officers and we did not see him again until about 5pm. A some time in the afternoon [REDACTED] told us that we would all be interviewed.

Since the incident, the incident has been the topic of conversation on occasions. My personal opinion that I do not believe it was an officer from my carrier. I have served on this unit for nearly 3 years and have worked with most of the officers on the unit and nothing leads me to believe that any of them may be responsible. I have seen a photograph of Blair PEAC

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

and am certain I did not see him on Monday 23rd April 1979.

[REDACTED]

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

CP1841

Interview of: [REDACTED]

No 1 unit SPG (TH)

by: [REDACTED]

at: Southall Police Station

on: Wednesday, 25th April 1979

Present :- [REDACTED]

Commenced :- 12.15 am.

Terminated:- 12.35 am.

D.C.I. Enquiries are being made into the circumstances .
surrounding the death of Elair Clement PEACH, age 31,
who it is alleged received an injury to the head
on Monday, 23rd April, 1979, at Beschcroft Avenue, Southall.
In view of this I am going to ask you a number of questions.
Do you understand?

A Yes. [REDACTED]

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2.

Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and inspector?

A. [REDACTED] as on the carrier. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was in charge but not on the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you with a police transit van carrier that drove into Northcote Avenue and stopped between 7.45pm and 8.05 pm?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. When you went to that location did you go in convoy or were you on your own. [REDACTED]

A. We followed another carrier along the Broadway towards Rescheroff Avenue. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you stop?

A. I think I stopped at the beginning
of Beechcroft near the junction with
The Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you driving the vehicle?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the carrier?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. When was that?

A. As soon as I'd stopped. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. There were protective shields on the carrier
but I didn't take one. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. Nobody ordered me. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time?

A. There was a large group at the end of Beechcroft Avenue near Orchard Avenue throwing bricks and bottles at us. There were other police in the road facing the demonstrators I don't remember if they had shields. I left the vehicle because the WPC operator is a driver and she took over. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you advance forward towards the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you then go further down Beechcroft Avenue to Orchard Avenue?

A. Yes. A number of us started to run down towards the group of demonstrators. [REDACTED]

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. The demonstrators continued to throw things and they started to disperse. The main bulk of them ran down into Orchard Avenue.

I continued running down towards Orchard Avenue, turned left into Orchard Avenue and they had dispersed into small groups running away very quickly. I stopped running and we regrouped on carriers at Orchard Avenue junction with Herbert Road. I think I got into a different carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Can you outline any arrests, assaults by any persons in the crowd or use of violence by police?

A. I didn't see any arrests. I didn't see any violence used by Police. [REDACTED]

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11.

Q. What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 8pm on 23 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. No further useful information. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Q. This is the opportunity to give any further information you may know of personally or know from any other source. Is there anything you wish to say in that respect?

A.

No. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you name all the officers who were with you in Beechcroft Avenue and their position in relation to you?

A. I can only name the officers in the carrier when we went to the call. I can't say where anyone went when we got out. [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth).....
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number.....
 Attached to No. 1 Unit Special Patrol
 Group, Barnes.

This statement,* consisting of 14 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of May, 1979.

Signed.....
 Signature witnessed by.....

I am attached to No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group, based at Barnes, and have been so employed for about.....
 as in charge of the Unit and under him are
 and We operate a partner system and my partner is however, he is currently sick and was so since about 21st April, 1979. We work to a rota and do not stay on any one particular carrier. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was posted driver of 'Uniform 12' which was under the charge of as posted operator. I do not recall who made up the rest of the crew. We paraded at Barnes at about 2pm. paraded us and gave a general talk about what our duties would be that day.

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

One of the sergeants told us what our postings were for the day. We then drove to Feltham in convoy, that is 'Uniform 11; 12; and 13' [REDACTED] was in charge of 'Uniform 11' with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was in charge of 'Uniform 13'. At Feltham we operationally fed. We then received a call to go to Southall to assist in crowd control. I don't know exactly where we went to first, but when we got there it was a main road, and was quiet at that time, but there was a lot of bricks and rubble laying in the road. It was pouring down with rain and the foot serials were soaked. We didn't get out of the vans. We then went to Parkview Road where all three units parked up facing the Uxbridge Road. 'Uniform 11' was in front just back from the junction with Uxbridge Road, I was parked behind it and 'Uniform 13' was behind me. At this time [REDACTED] was the driver of 'Uniform 11', and [REDACTED] the driver of 'Uniform 13'. There was a cordon of P.C.'s across the Uxbridge Road near to the police station. There was a large number of demonstrators in the vicinity, a far greater number than the numbers of police present. Back to our right was a large house with steps leading up to the front door and near the house was a red cross sign, I believe it had First Aid written on it. By the house and by us was a crowd of about 50 West Indians who looked very aggressive and were inciting the crowd who were mainly Asian but there were a few whites and a few more West Indians in it. We stayed parked in this position for about 20 - 30 minutes. I think that the time now would have been about 4.15 pm. Then [REDACTED] came to our carrier from the cns in front and said that he was not happy parked there and told us to move into

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

the centre of Uxbridge Road. He also told 'Uniform 13'

All three vans then moved forward, turned left into the Uxbridge Road and stopped in the middle of the road facing the iron bridge, just past the junction with Parkview Road. On our left was a church. All personnel stayed in the carrier but some did get out in pairs to go to the toilet at Southall Police Station. We were there for about 15 minutes, suddenly I heard a crash on top of the carrier, someone opened the Sergeant's door and said for Christ sake grab the shields. That is someone from outside the carrier. My instructions given to me earlier by [REDACTED] were that I should stay with the van at that particular time. I should explain that I believe it was after operational feeding that I spoke to [REDACTED] and asked him if it was necessary for people to get out would it be D.K. for me to do so. He told me that initially I should stay with the vehicle. Everybody on the carrier got out except [REDACTED] and myself. I didn't see who took the shields. The sky was suddenly black with missiles and bricks and other objects were hitting the carrier and windscreen. Towards the churchyard I saw a West Indian wearing a tea cosy hat, run to the wall, pick up two bricks, one of which he threw at a group of police who were running, he then ran away from Parkview Road, threw the other brick at some other police, turned to run away, suddenly an officer with a shield appeared behind him. The West Indian pushed him down and gave him a couple of kicks then ran off with a crowd down Uxbridge Road. Suddenly, there was an almighty crash

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 68)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

on the driver's door and the door flew open. I saw four Asians and one West Indian holding a battering ram with a spike on it. I pulled the door to and bolted it at the bottom just as they charged again. They couldn't get in so they attempted to smash the windscreen of the carrier with iron bars and cricket stumps. I then drove at one of the Asians who was in front and he ran off. Myself and [REDACTED] in 'Uniform 11' then started to shunt the vans about to prevent attack. I don't know where the rest of my unit were. [REDACTED] was still in the van. Then the Sergeant's door opened again and a P.C. with a cut head got on board. He was closely followed by a prisoner and then another P.C. I asked the P.C. with the cut head if he was alright and he said, "yes" "carry on". Then a lot of prisoners and P.C.'s got on board and I would imagine that there was about 15 people on board. At this time the missiles were still being thrown at the carrier and the foot police. There was a sergeant on board who told two P.C.'s to get back on the street, they appeared very frightened and appealed to him not to go. However, they left with him. Further up the road, I saw two officers struggling with a prisoner, I drove up to them and they got on board. I then reversed back to my original position and missiles were still coming over. At that time I didn't know whether the other carriers were there. I waited for members of my own unit but did not see any. A call then came up from [REDACTED] to go to assist him in a side road off the Urbridge Road. When I arrived he was standing with [REDACTED] and other P.C.'s from the unit, although I don't remember [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

who they were. There was a crowd of at least 200 people at the end of the road chanting. [REDACTED] said "Let's clear them". I believe he got on my carrier and sat beside the operator who was still [REDACTED]. Some other P.C.'s also got on and we still had the prisoners on board. There must have been about 20 people on board the carrier at that time. I drove down towards the demonstrators and once again the carrier was hit by missiles. P.C.'s were running up behind me. The crowd started to disperse and the P.C.'s without prisoners on board got out when I stopped. [REDACTED] got out I can't remember who the other officers were. The crowd ran away, but I believe a few got arrested. I then drove around for about half an hour with P.C.'s and prisoners on board. At this time we were not in convoy, just on our own. We were dispersing smaller groups of violent demonstrators. The next thing I remember clearly is going to Southall where the prisoners were taken into the Station. I believe the time then would have been about 5 o'clock although I can't be certain. One of our other carriers, I don't know whether it was 11 or 13, was outside Southall nick. The only person I remember there, was [REDACTED] who spoke to us in the street outside the station and said that it was obviously not all over and that it was likely to go on late. We had already lost some men and if we were to last the night without any more serious injuries we would have to go steady. At Southall there were about 12 of our original unit. I remember seeing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also

Signed

Signature witnessed by.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

I can't recall who else was there. I know that at this time I was aware that [redacted] had been stabbed, [redacted] had been injured and [redacted] had also been injured. I also knew that others had received less serious injuries, also that some of them had had arrests. Although at that time I didn't know who. While we were at Southall [redacted] went round and accounted for the men seeing who was present. From Southall we went along the Broadway past the Town Hall and there I saw two police cordons. One across the road, I believe near Safeways, the other further along, I believe near Alexandra Avenue. There was a large number of demonstrators between them. On the roof on the Safeway side I saw P.C.'s, three or four, observing. I reversed my van into Herbert Road at the junction with Broadway on the Town Hall side with another of our carriers beside me on my left. I don't remember which carrier this was but [redacted] was on board. On our van was [redacted] who was still operating and [redacted]. I don't recall who else was on board. We parked there for about ten minutes and while we were there I saw a Grey/Green coach with a policeman on board drive right through both the police cordons and the crowd and along past us. Its rear windows were broken. After about ten minutes we drove off, I followed the other carrier which [redacted] was on. I followed the other unit, basically because I was not familiar with the area. [redacted] who was driving "Uniform 11" did know his way around because he lives near there. I believe also that [redacted]

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] live that way. I live in [REDACTED] as a single man. From Herbert Road I'm not sure where exactly we went, but I believe we went to a call somewhere. Wherever it was we did not get out of the van. I should say that when we were at Southall I spoke to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and it was agreed that as we were now short handed if it was necessary to get out I would do so and [REDACTED] would take over the driver's job. She is often the driver at demonstrations but that day for some reason [REDACTED] wouldn't agree to it. I did ask if she could take over from me from Southall but he wouldn't agree to that, but did say that should there be another incident she could take over. The next thing I remember was [REDACTED] ordering us to carry out a general patrol of the sidestreet by a radio message to us. We then carried out a general patrol of the side streets, I followed "Uniform 11" nothing in particular occurred. We patrolled for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour to an hour. Then I heard [REDACTED] on the radio to "Uniform 13" telling them to go to snacks. [REDACTED] answered. We continued our patrol and about 5 minutes later I heard a radio call from another Unit for urgent assistance. "Uniform 11" took off with its blue light on and I followed also with my blue light on. At this stage we were somewhere South of the Broadway looking at the map, possibly in the Beaconfield Road area. I also had my two tones on, we came out into the Broadway and drove towards the Town Hall. I was surprised to see so many people in the Broadway. I was right behind [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

1905

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

"Uniform 11" and as we approached the junction with Beechcroft Avenue I saw groups of people on both footways either side of the Broadway and more people on the far side of the junction with Northcote Avenue. There were police with them. They were not violent. There was not a cordon, or didn't appear to be. "Uniform 11" turned into Beechcroft Avenue and stopped about 50 feet down the road. I stopped just behind him, slightly off set to the right. When we were moving along the Broadway we were going as fast as we could. As we stopped I saw a crowd of about 200 people near the bottom of the street near to Orchard Avenue. They were throwing missiles, a lot of them seemed to be bouncing in the Broadway. I was aware of people getting out quickly and I tried to get out but initially had some difficulty with the bolt on the driver's door. I managed to open the door and started to run towards the crowd. I didn't have a shield as they'd all been taken. I looked for one immediately behind me but they had all gone. I was on the right side of the road. I ran forward across the front of the other carrier (Uniform 11) onto the left footway. I was aware of other officers with me and slightly in front of me. When I reached the left footway, I drew my truncheon, this was because a lot of missiles were coming over. It was the intention to run at the crowd to disperse them. I was aware of other officers doing the same. I then ran across the road to the right footway, basically to dodge missiles and to chase demonstrators. I then ran back across the road to the bottom left hand corner where I turned into Orchard Avenue. All the demonstrators had gone from that

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

1966

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

corner at that time. They were running in both directions along Orchard Avenue. I am quite certain that there was nobody at the corner of Orchard Avenue and Beechcroft Avenue as I went round the corner. I saw nobody lying, sitting or standing on the corner. I went along Orchard Avenue towards Herbert Road about 50 yards when I saw a group of Asians on the left hand side about 4 or 5. I remember going up to one of them who was wearing a collar and tie, possibly a blue jacket, and pushed him and told him to get out of it. They dispersed. I ran on a short distance then stopped running and walked to the junction of Herbert Road. I waited there, there were at least two other officers there but I don't know who they were, and almost immediately "Uniform 11" came along. I got on board. The van came from the same direction as I had. I was on the carrier for a very short time then transferred to my own, where exactly I don't remember. [REDACTED] was driving. Then, I don't remember where we went. We were then employed in breaking up various groups of demonstrators, we were frequently off and on the carrier. I was on various carriers, whether it was just 2 or all 3 I don't remember. Going back to when we stopped in Beechcroft Avenue I don't recall seeing any foot P.C.'s in front of the carrier, as far as I know they were all behind us. As the evening went on it started to get a lot quieter, we continued patrolling and there were very small groups hanging around that we moved on. We did this for an hour or so and when it got quieter we went for snacks to a mobile unit at a road north of the Broadway. I think we patrolled for a while

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Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

longer then went back to Southall. We waited at Southall. I think [redacted] was with us and probably [redacted] was driving. [redacted] or myself may have been operating. [redacted] asked us if we'd charged anyone, lost anything or had any injuries to report. I didn't . We waited at Southall and were eventually dismissed. This was after the senior officers had their debriefing. It was probably about 1 o'clock. The next day I was late turn with the rest of the Unit. We paraded at Barsee and then went to Southall. I was driving "Uniform 12". [redacted] was the operator. [redacted] was on board and [redacted] was there. I had read in the midday edition of the Evening News that a man had died. When we paraded there was no mention of it. Before the parade some of the blokes had heard it and knew that it was alleged that S.F.G. were involved. We thought we were going to Southall regarding continuing demonstrating. When we arrived at Southall we stayed in the back yard until we went to refreshments. I had heard a rumour that we were to be interviewed at this time but no one told us officially. After refreshments we again stayed in the Station Yard. After a while we were told to wait in the car park at the rear of the Conservative Club. We weren't told anything else. We waited. Then they asked for 6 officers to go to Southall. I went as one of those six. Nobody had told us officially but we all knew we were to be interviewed. I was then interviewed by [redacted]. We all got on our carrier and went home afterwards. I was on Uniform 12. We were all discussing

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

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(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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the interviews, a lot of people said that they were not affected because they had prisoners. Basically we were discussing the questions we had been asked. Most people thought that would be the end of it. The next day I went to Guernsey on a football trip and returned on Tuesday. The next day I saw [REDACTED] who told me that he'd been interviewed by [REDACTED] and was not happy with the way it had been done, consequently he had complained to [REDACTED]. He said that he was in there for 5 hours and that he had allegations put to him. The day after the incident when we paraded [REDACTED] was not with us he was already at the Yard, he joined us at Southall. At no time that evening did he or one of the Sergeants address us and ask us if we had hit anyone the day before. I would like to point out though that there is an understanding that all incidents are reported.

I have been shown a photograph of Blair Peach and asked if I saw him that day. I did not. I've also been asked if I saw any police officer strike anyone at the junction of Beecheroff Avenue and Orchard Avenue. I did not and I did not strike anyone myself.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 2.7.39
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number Special Patrol Group
 Leytonstone Police Station.
 556-8855

This statement,* consisting of 6 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of April, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I am [REDACTED] three Unit Special Patrol Group.
 On Monday 23rd April, 1979, [REDACTED] which consisted of three sergeants and twenty constables at Leytonstone at 12.30 p.m. The unit went to M.O.D. Feltham for a main meal, then to Southall (XS). Whilst waiting adjacent to Southall Park for directions, a call for assistance came from the cordon in Broadway which was being stoned. We were directed through the cordon by [REDACTED] where we dispersed the throwers and made two arrests for offensive weapons. We re-grouped behind the cordon and at 16.45 p.m. we were told to station ourselves in Broadway about (end of original page 1) 100 yards West of the cordon. At that time there were about 500 persons, mainly Asians, against the cordon, as this built up another cordon consisting of Serial 103 and an M Division Serial was put across the Broadway, adjacent to Alexandra Avenue. These were shield serials and I agreed with [REDACTED] as snatch

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

squads should trouble makers be spotted. I was also policing Barratts Shoe Shop, the window of which had been broken before our arrival on the scene and I had two men at the top of an alleyway on the South side of Broadway. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] preventing demonstrators gaining entry and access to ammunition, in the form of milk bottles and bricks. During the early evening we made arrests for people throw missiles and offensive weapons. I noticed that when we arrested these people the general crowd did not intervene on their behalf. About 19.30 hrs the crowd had greatly increased, the second cordon was absorbed into the crowd and was ordered to join the main cordon. When this happened my unit was alone behind the main (end of original page 1 group of demonstrators, but with a large build up on both the North and South footways either side of us. I decided to move [REDACTED] further West in Broadway. As we went to the carriers a uniformed officer from M Division, who was alone on a coach parked in Broadway at the junction with Northcote Avenue, drew my attention to a large group forming at the junction of Beachcroft Avenue and Broadway. As a result of what he told me I drove my carrier to this junction at a fast speed. I noticed that the crowd consisted mainly of Asians, but had a few white persons wearing 'Anti Nazi League' badges and at least one West Indian. At this stage I only had two carriers as one was conveying prisoners. Myself and [REDACTED] officers alighted at the junction and the crowd ran back from us revealing two milk crates full of milk bottles, bricks and a Scotch bottle. I placed these on the carriers and drove West in Broadway until I reached the Esso Garage which is used by Police and I hid the crates behind the garage. I returned with the two carriers to collect P.C.'s (end of original page 3) [REDACTED] whom I had left at the alleyway

Signed [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

As we were travelling East in Broadway I saw a flash of fire. We collected [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] We were the only Police in the vicinity. As we passed Northcote Avenue some Asian youths threw missiles at the carriers breaking the windscreen on Uniform 19 and denting both carriers. [REDACTED] My previous experience being that the crowd would allow us to do this. The two carriers pulled into the mouth of Northcot and the officers debussed making an arrest. As we did so a hail of missiles came from the crowd at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue, one of them striking [REDACTED] in the face. The P.C.'s started seeking cover behind the carrier and the missiles became heavier. I realized we could not enter the carrier or get [REDACTED] on board without taking further injuries. [REDACTED] shields out, truncheons drawn and [REDACTED] to stay with the carriers (end of original page 4) and get urgent assistance. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and the injured man [REDACTED] stayed with the carriers. I advanced behind shields with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I stopped in the centre of Broadway facing the crowd of whom only a few persistent throwers continued to throw. A man I now know to be [REDACTED] threw a large object which hit me in the thigh. At this moment I saw the three carriers of No. 1 Unit coming East in Broadway with their sirens sounding and lights on. I indicated the crowd to them and as their lead carrier swung into Beachcroft Avenue [REDACTED] in a charge up Beachcroft Avenue. Many people fell as they fled from us and some ran into adjoined houses. I continued running until I caught

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] P. 12

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the same time as P.C. [REDACTED] he struggled violently. This was about 10 yards North of Orchard Avenue. A carrier driven by P.C. [REDACTED] of 1 Unit drew up next to me and I assisted P.C. [REDACTED] to get the prisoner on board (end of original page 5), then got into the front seat of the vehicle. I was aware that [REDACTED] and other of his officers were in the back of the carrier. We drove East in Orchard Avenue, and seeing a few Police and press officers advised them to return to the main road. We then turned and drove West in Orchard Avenue and North in Beachcroft Avenue. There were some people in the roadway and some in front gardens. As far as I can recollect only Asians, all were quiet and we drove into Broadway where I transferred with [REDACTED] and P.C. [REDACTED] to my own carrier. We then drove West in Broadway to the Esso Garage where all of our prisoners, including [REDACTED], were transferred to one of the carriers, which went to Ealing Police Station. With the other carrier I went to Greenford Avenue and met [REDACTED]. Due to removing our watches and the hectic period the times on my form 3166 (A8/10) may be a little inaccurate, but I estimate we entered Northcote Road at about 19.50 hrs. and re-grouped at Broadway, about 20.10 hrs. I later went to Ealing Police Station where the Divisional Surgeon diagnosed a bruise to my left thigh.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

- Q. On the diagram of Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue can you indicate the position of yourself [REDACTED]
- A. We had made a line running from East to West in the centre of the Broadway and going up Beachcroft. I stayed on the left pavement all the way down. [REDACTED]
- Q. How far from the junction with Orchard did you make the arrest of [REDACTED]
- A. I was on the East footway ten yards North of Orchard. [REDACTED]
- Q. Which officer was with you?
- A. [REDACTED] who went as the Arresting Officer. [REDACTED]
- Q. What other officer was with you, or near you, when you made the arrest?
- A. None, not until the one unit carrier arrived which was in half a minute to a minute. [REDACTED]
- Q. Were other officers on foot?
- A. I cannot say if they arrived on foot or alighted from the carrier on arrival, but my prisoner was put into the one unit carrier and I got into the radio operator's front seat. [REDACTED]
- Q. Was [REDACTED] out of the vehicle?
- A. They were out of the vehicle when we placed the prisoner on the vehicle, but I cannot say if they arrived on foot or in the vehicle. [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you see any of your officers strike anyone with a truncheon?
- A. No sir. I dug my truncheon in the ribs of my prisoner to stop his struggling. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness Police Officer
 Address and Telephone Number [REDACTED] No. 3 Unit, Special
 Patrol Group, Leytonstone Police Station,
 01-556-8855

This statement,* consisting of 8 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 5th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]
 Signature witnessed by... [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was on duty in Uniform, in charge of Uniform 21 an S.P.G. Personnel Carrier, we were employed at Southall policing a public order event. [REDACTED] was in overall command of the unit. [REDACTED] was in charge of 'Uniform 19' and [REDACTED] in charge of 'Uniform 20' Shortly after 3pm on the directions of [REDACTED] I assisted in dispersing an unruly mob in the Broadway. At this time I saw several stones thrown and at least one man waving a large piece of wood. After dispersing this mob, some of whom were arrested, we were directed to patrol in carriers. Later, I think between 4pm and 5pm we were directed to park our three carriers in the Broadway, near NORTHCOOTE AVENUE. From that time we were used to assist Divisional shield serials in controlling demonstrators. Periodically stones and other missiles were being thrown at Police

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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Officers and on at least one occasion a man was arrested for throwing a stone. We were employed at this location until sometime after 7pm, when we were directed to patrol the Broadway, in carriers. By this time the carrier 'Uniform 20' had been used to convey prisoners. The other two carriers patrolled the Broadway in the opposite direction to the Town Hall and then returned both carriers turned left into Northcote Avenue, as we turned into the junction my carrier was struck by several stones which were thrown from the Broadway. I ordered the driver of my carrier to stop, which he did. I saw that the other carrier had driven down Northcote Avenue, then told the officers on my carrier to stay on board. We then turned round and followed the other carrier right into the Broadway. The other carrier stopped across the road. I saw [REDACTED] and a P.C. get out and go to the corner of Beechcroft Avenue, where there were several people standing. I then saw [REDACTED] and the P.C. carrying a milk crate each. The crates were filled with bricks and bottles. One of the crates were placed in my carrier. We then drove along the Broadway to a petrol garage. We deposited the crates behind the garage. We then drove back along the Broadway and collected [REDACTED] and another Officer who had been employed preventing pedestrians going down any alleyway in the Broadway about 20 yards East of Beechcroft Avenue. We then drove in the direction of the petrol garage. Near the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and Northcote Avenue, my carrier was struck by several stones, thrown I think from both sides of the road, but certainly from the nearside (Beachcroft Avenue) two bricks struck

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(C.J. Act, 1967, s. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

the window alongside my seat immediately behind the side door. We drove on towards the garage and then turned round. We drove back towards the demonstrators. We turned into Northcote Avenue and stopped. There were several demonstrators on the nearside corner of the junction. We got out of the carriers and began dispersing them. At this stage a large crowd which was at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue attacked us by throwing bricks and bottles. The attack was heavy and prolonged. At this stage none of the Officers were carrying shields. Fearing injury from the missiles I dived into my carrier through the open side door. When I was in the carrier it was hit by several missiles at least two of them hit the inside of the open carrier door. I saw other Officers taking cover behind the door of the carrier it is my opinion that they could not attempt to get into the carrier because of the barrage of missiles. One of the Officer shouted to get the shields out I started passing them out through the side door. There were six shields on my carrier, I handed them all out and took the last one myself. I formed a shield team with [REDACTED] and another officer. [REDACTED] was in the middle I was on the left. There were Officers without shields taking cover behind us. Bricks and bottles were still being thrown at this stage. We started to advance towards the group of towers, which I would estimate at about 150 people. They started to scatter in different directions, some of them running. We advanced to approximately the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue. Before this I had heard that one of our officers had been injured. I feared for the safety of him

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

and the drivers of the carriers if we continued down Beechcroft Avenue. I called the Officers to stop, I think all of them did. We retreated to a point approximately the middle of the road in the Broadway missiles were still being thrown at us from the demonstrators who seemed to have stopped dispersing. I then concentrated my attention on an Asian man of about 25 years wearing a brown/mustard coloured jumper, who had been particularly active in the missile throwing. I mentioned this to the Officers around me, and decided to try to arrest him. He was in Beechcroft Avenue on the left hand side. At this time I saw a S.P.G. carrier approaching along the Broadway, from my right, the blue light and klaxon horns were operating. That carrier turned into Beechcroft Avenue, I'm not sure if it was followed by another carrier or not. It drove past the Officers of my unit who were on foot, and drove down Beechcroft Avenue following demonstrators who were running away. The Officers who were carrying shields and others, followed. The Demonstrators broke up in all directions, some of them remained where they were. The man in the brown/mustard jumper was on the left hand pavement between 20 and 30 yards along Beechcroft Avenue. He had been passed by the carrier and I think some of the Officers on foot. I started to go towards him with [REDACTED] and other officers whose identity I cannot remember. When I was about 10 yards from him a Police Officer ran towards him from my right. The man ran down Beechcroft Avenue chased by Police Officers. I followed, he turned right at the end of the street, when I got to the end, I saw him running towards a wall at the end of the turning.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

he went over it, the Officer following him just missed grabbing him by the leg. When the man went over the wall, he appeared to go to the right. I saw one of the Police Officers trying to get over the wall. There were two or three other officers following I decided to go back along Beechcroft Avenue to the Broadway, thinking that the man was making for there. I started running back up Beechcroft Avenue, I think I was about halfway along, when I was told the man had been caught. I continued to the Broadway, where I joined up with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At the Broadway I saw an Asian youth of about 18 years, wearing a black leather jacket pick up a stone from the pavement. I told [REDACTED] of this and said we would try to arrest him, he was with several other demonstrators. Myself and [REDACTED] went towards them, the youth disappeared amongst the other demonstrators, I saw [REDACTED] get hold of a man in a leather jacket. I told him it was not the man I had seen with the stone, he released him. For the next few minutes I stayed in the Broadway, dispersing people and looking for troublemakers. I then returned to my carrier. When all Officers were accounted for we drove along the Broadway to the petrol garage. There were prisoners on my carrier. Prisoners from the other carriers were transferred to mine, and were then conveyed to Ealing Police Station. When I originally joined the shield team with [REDACTED] I don't know who the third Officer with the shield was. There was definitely one man and possibly another behind us, but I don't know who they were. When I reached the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

I do not recall seeing any S.P.G. carriers, I can't say whether they were there or not. My concentration at this time was on effecting the arrest of the man in the brown/mustard jumper and I was not aware of activity around me. I went back up Beechcroft Avenue there is an alleyway on the left and I think I was in that vicinity when I learned of the man's arrest, I don't know whether this was by word of mouth or over my personal radio. I have been asked if I drew my truncheon, I did not at any time that day draw my truncheon. I did see other Officers with truncheons drawn as we dealt with this mob at some stage. I have been asked if they had them when the mob was chased down Beechcroft Avenue and I am unable to say if they did or not. I certainly did not see a truncheon used to strike anyone. I have been asked if I saw a man sitting or lying on the pavement at Orchard Avenue, junction with Beechcroft Avenue on the opposite corner to where I had been. I did not see anyone on the ground at any stage, I was concentrating on the man in the brown/mustard jumper. I have been asked if I saw anyone arrested at that location, again I did not see this, because I was concentrating on cutting off the man in the jumper, and this matter took my attention. It wasn't until I was informed that the man had been arrested, that I took stock of the situation, looking around me, calm appeared to have been restored, there were no incidents taking place and I went to the Broadway. The six prisoners I took to Ealing Police Station had all been arrested as a result of the incident at the Broadway junction with Beechcroft Avenue, but I am unable to say where or why they were arrested except for the man in the

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(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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brown/mustard Sweater. [REDACTED]

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit S.P.G.
..... Leytonstone
..... 556 - 8855

This statement,* consisting of 4 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 4th day of June, 1979.

Signed
Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement of the 23rd April, 1979. I have been asked if I can enlarge on some of the matters referred to in my statement. As far as I can recall there were 3 shield parties formed up in the Broadway facing towards Beachcroft Avenue. I think I was in the party on the extreme left as we faced Beachcroft and on the left of that party. [redacted] was next to me. I am able to say that the other officers forming the shield units were attached to 3 Unit but I do not know which officers were in which particular party. I know that as far as I can be sure the carrier came into Beachcroft and drove down towards Orchard Avenue before the Shield parties started to run in that direction. The lad in the mustard coloured jumper ran down the left hand side of Beachcroft before running across to the other side and turning into Orchard Avenue. I cannot remember if I followed him down the left hand side and I am

Signed Signature witnessed by.....
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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

inclined to think I went down the middle of the road. I was aware that as I ran down Beachcroft other officers were doing likewise but I do not recall any officer in particular. I think that when I started to run I set off at a fair pace but as other officers were in front of me and I was hampered with the shield I probably slowed down after the initial burst. I am not aware of seeing any Police Officers or demonstrators running towards us as we ran down Beachcroft. I said in my previous statement that an officer ran towards the lad in the mustard coloured jumper from my right. I seem to think that this officer was [REDACTED] but I cannot be positive about that. As far as I can imagine the officer kept running after the lad. At no time did I see any carriers in Beachcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue other than as I have described when the Carrier came into Beachcroft from the Braodway. I have no recollection of seeing anything at all at the junction of Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue. As far as I can recall I only went 10 yards or so along Orchard Avenue when I saw the lad in the mustard jumper go over a wall at the end of the cul-de-sac. From conversation with the officer since I believe that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went after the lad but I cannot say that I can remember seeing them. I can't recall seeing [REDACTED] as soon as the lad disappeared I only stayed in Orchard Avenue for a few seconds before going back up Beachcroft. I don't recall seeing anyone at the junction of Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue as I went past. I did not see any person who appeared to be injured either in Orchard Avenue or

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Beachcroft Avenue. When I got back to the Broadway I saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue and then was with them as described in my previous statement. When I rejoined my carrier I recall seeing [REDACTED] who had a prisoner [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] another prisoner who I can't remember. [REDACTED] was either at the corner when I arrived or shortly after. [REDACTED] was driving. I think [REDACTED] was there I cannot remember anyone else. I don't remember seeing [REDACTED] on the Carrier when I arrived or seeing an ambulance arrive to take him to hospital. I have been asked how long I consider it took me to run down Beachcroft Avenue its Orchard Avenue and return to the Broadway and I assess this as approximately a minute and certainly no more than a minute and a half.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness Police Sergeant
 Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit S.P.G. at
 Leytonstone Police Station
 470 High Road, E11

This statement,* consisting of 6 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of April, 1979

Signed
 Signature witnessed by

On Monday, 23rd April, 1979, at about 7.30p.m., I was on duty in uniform accompanied by other officers of No. 3 Unit S.P.G. under the direction of We were employed on foot in Southall Broadway in conjunction with a 'C' Division shield serial who had formed a cordon across The Broadway, at the junction with Alexandra Road. There were a large number of demonstrators in front of the shield cordon directing their attention towards the Town Hall, which was east of the Police line. There was also a large number of demonstrators and onlookers behind the Police cordon, who mainly occupied both footways on the north and south side of The Broadway. The mood of the crowd around our cordon was (end of original page 1) fairly peaceful but the tension could be felt strongly. This was indicated by the nervous movement of the crowd whenever voices were raised at the heavier concentration of

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(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

demonstrators being held back by another cordon close to the Town Hall. At about 7.45p.m., [REDACTED] ordered 3 Unit back onto the two remaining carriers, one of the three having been dispatched to 'XD' with prisoners, to take up a general patrol in The Broadway in convoy. I boarded 'U21' sitting in the rear offside seat which faces the nearside of the carrier, alongside [REDACTED] who was to my right. The other remaining officers of 3 Unit boarded the vehicles, which made them a little crowded, and we moved off west away from the Town Hall. I could see that both the footways were thick with demonstrators but the heavier concentrations were on the south side. The demonstrators were, in the main, Asians. After just a few minutes, when we reached the vicinity of the junction of Broadway and Beachcroft Avenue, a number of the members of the crowd on the south side threw some missiles at our carrier, it being the second of the two in convoy. I saw one man in particular, an Asian aged between 25-30 years, 5'10"-6' tall, wearing a mustard coloured long-sleeved jumper (end of original page 2) and blue jeans, step into the road from the south footway and throw a large stone or piece of brick about 3" in diameter at our vehicle, which it struck on the roof above my head. He put his hands on his hips and shouted something that I did not understand or hear clearly but appeared to be abusive and offensive. I watched this man and made a mental note of his appearance so that I might recognise him again. We drove off west. We returned later, again in convoy, along Broadway, Southall. As we approached the junction

[REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED] with Beachcroft Avenue, where the demonstrators were thick on both sides, we were again subjected to a barrage of stones, bricks and bottles thrown at the vehicles. We followed 'U19' left into Northcote Avenue and as we did I saw the same man in the mustard jumper at the forefront of the stone throwing demonstrators on the south footway. Our vehicle made a three point turn and, again led by 'U19', we turned right into The Broadway. Yet again we were pelted by the crowd on both sides of the road with stones and bottles. Both carriers made a 'U'-turn in Broadway and again turned left into Northcote Avenue. This time the vehicles stopped and we all alighted with a view to capturing a crowd of predominantly Asians (end of original page 3) who had been attacking us from the north west corner of Northcote Avenue as we approached them they scattered. I assisted [REDACTED] to detain a prisoner and place him in the police carrier via the back door. As we did so I received a blow to my left upper arm from a flying missile thrown from the south side of the Broadway. We were becoming increasingly attacked from the south side of Broadway and to counter this, I went to the nearside of the vehicle to get a shield. [REDACTED] had just put a prisoner into the carrier and he joined me and together we moved away from the carrier towards the south of Broadway, and the stone throwing crowd. As I did so I saw the same man in the mustard coloured jumper that had thrown the missile at our carrier earlier, on the south side of Broadway in the mouth of Beachcroft Avenue. He was in the act of throwing a large missile which appeared to be a dark coloured half house brick,

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

with his right hand in an overarm bowling motion towards the men around the carrier behind me. I shouted, "Look out!" as I watched its path towards the officers. I saw it strike [REDACTED] on the right side of his face as he was facing the side door of the carrier. He was knocked down by the blow and (end of original page 4) force of the missile, falling to the ground on the nearside of the carrier. He did not appear to be unconscious and was attended by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We were unable to break ranks at this stage to detain his assailant, due to the missiles being thrown we were forced to remain behind the line of shields that had been formed by myself and other officers with shields. We moved slowly forward, joining up with other officers with shields towards the mouth of Beachcroft Avenue, assistance was being called for and more officers were arriving. Again I saw the man in the mustard jumper who had thrown the brick at [REDACTED] move towards the centre of Beachcroft Avenue and pick up a small missile and throw this in an overarm motion towards the men at the carrier behind us. He then walked back to the east side of Beachcroft Avenue and joined other Asian males on the footway. I remained with the shield line awaiting reinforcement when shortly afterwards another S.P.G. carrier approached at fast speed from my right and turned into Beachcroft Avenue. With this, the demonstrators scattered and the carrier drove down Beachcroft Avenue, nearly to the junction with Orchard Avenue, and stopped where the crew alighted. The man in the mustard jumper ran across the road and away

[REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

from us (end of original page 5) down Beachcroft Avenue, turning right into Orchard Avenue. He was pursued by myself, [REDACTED] and P.C. [REDACTED]. I was carrying a shield and was consequently slower than the other officers. I turned right, to see the pursuing officers chase the suspect and one or two other demonstrators into a garden and beside a house on the north side of Orchard Avenue out of my sight. As I reached the garden, other officers, including [REDACTED] emerged from the garden of the house. I walked back to Beachcroft Avenue and up to the carrier 'U21', where I saw that [REDACTED] had detained the man in the mustard jumper. During the confrontation I had my truncheon drawn, as did other officers, but I did not use it nor did I see any other officer use his truncheon, my attention was occupied by the man in the mustard jumper. On my return to the carrier, Beachcroft Avenue was apparently devoid of demonstrators. I do not recall seeing any injured demonstrators in Orchard Avenue or Beachcroft Avenue.

[REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - [REDACTED]

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Q. On the diagram of Beachcroft Avenue please indicate your position when you went down there at about 8p.m. on 24th April, 1979.

A. At the commencement of my move down Beachcroft Avenue, I started about the centre in the mouth of the junction with Orchard calling in towards the east kerb. I was chasing the suspect down the west side, turning right into Orchard staying on the south side to the western end of the cul-de-sac. [REDACTED] pursued the man and I turned back. [REDACTED] was also pursuing the suspect with me and I think he turned back with me about the end of the cul-de-sac. I returned by the same route. I don't recall if the carrier was still on the corner. I feel there must have been other officers around when I was making my way back. When we arrived down Beachcroft Avenue there were about six officers with me. In the shield line there was myself, [REDACTED] on my left, [REDACTED] was on my left. I think he was after [REDACTED] on my right was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was close to me but I don't know where. The carrier that went in front was an S.P.G. carrier. I don't know the officers who were on it. It was not a 3 Unit carrier.

[REDACTED] 24.4.79 7.53p.m. [REDACTED]

P1887

Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April, 1979
commenced at 5.46 p.m.
finished at 5.48 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A Leytonstone about 11.30 a.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979?
If so when?

A. I drew it but I didn't use it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

A. No, it's at Leytonstone. [REDACTED]

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number PW/126

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21").....
Occupation of Witness..... Police Sergeant.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to S.P.G. No. 3.....
Unit. Leytonstone Police Station.

This statement,* consisting of 1 page, signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 6th day of June, 1979.

Signed.....
Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement made on the 24th April, 1979, and 4th June, 1979. On Wednesday 6th June, 1979, at 12 noon at Leytonstone Police Station my uniform locker was searched by [redacted] who found and seized my truncheon (now produced as Exhibit DM1). This truncheon was issued to me in 1965. This was my first truncheon. My second truncheon, issued when I was a light weight motor cyclist, has already been seized, and exchanged.

[redacted] [redacted]
Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....
*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [redacted]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [redacted]

Occupation of Witness Police Sergeant [redacted]

Address and Telephone Number attached to 3 Unit SPG

Leytonstone.

This statement* consisting of 6 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 4th day of June, 1979.

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by [redacted]

Further to my statement of 24th April, 1979 I have been asked by

[redacted] which Officers on 1 Unit I know. I know [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] I also know the [redacted] and one or two others by sight.

I joined 3 Unit in September 1974 as a Sergeant and have been so employed ever since.

I have been asked to expand on my original statement in respect of the Beachcroft Avenue incident. When we were at the top of the road in the Broadway just before the 1 Unit vans arrived I had a shield and was in the line of shields which was just North of the South kerbline. I was on the right of the line, to my right was [redacted]

Signed [redacted] Signature witnessed by [redacted]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

and somewhere close to me were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was along to my left and further to the left was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] When the first 1 Unit van arrived I had to move back North of the junction to get out of its way. Well, that's not exactly right, when it was arriving it had a cone under the front, I didn't realise this at first and thought it was out of control, anticipating this, I stepped back out of the way along with [REDACTED] and I think others. I don't recall seeing a second carrier at all. While we had been in the shield line the man in the mustard jumper had kept my attention. Just after the carrier went down the Beachcroft Avenue, and I should say, that I didn't see it stop or pause at the junction of Broadway. I didn't see anybody get out there, in fact, I don't think there would have been time for anyone to get out. The carrier drove on down to the bottom of Beachcroft Avenue and stopped at angle to the left hand kerb about a few yards North of the junction with Orchard Avenue. When the carrier went by me I saw the man in the mustard jumper standing on the East footway in Beachcroft Avenue about 15 to 20 yards down, he was backing away with the rest of the demonstrators. When the carrier went past the demonstrators they all started to scatter, some ran into houses, some ran down Beachcroft Avenue. The man in the mustard jumper ran in a long diagonal line across the road to the right hand side of the road and went round the corner towards the Cul de Sac in Orchard Avenue. I started to run down the right side, I believe I started in the road and ended up on the footpath near the bottom

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

on the right. I believe [REDACTED] was in front, somewhere behind him was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and then I was behind. There were Officers to the left of me in the shield line who were separate from us. We on the right concentrated on the man in the mustard jumper, in fact I pointed him out to my crew and instructed them to detain him. He was our target. There may have been officers in front of [REDACTED]. I don't mean that he was definitely the front man just that he was front of a group. I recall when the carrier stopped at the bottom, seeing the nearside passenger door open, that is the rear one of the two. I didn't actually see anybody get out. I don't recall seeing the back door open. I was in a position to see, but don't recall seeing that happen. As I've said I started running but about two thirds of the way down I slowed to a jog. On my way down I did not see any police officers coming up towards me or for that matter anybody at all. At the corner of Orchard Avenue I slowed to a fast walk. At that time the carrier was still parked as I have described. I still did not see any other carrier. I didn't pay any attention to what was happening and consequently did not even look to my left, I was purely interested in my officer to the right. As I turned the corner I couldn't see anybody at the Cul de Sa but walked along the North pavement to the end house. No. 82. In the front garden I saw a white civilian who was standing looking worried. He was aged about 30 years I went into the alley at the side of the house, where I was met by [REDACTED] who was coming out. He said something or other to the effect that [REDACTED] had chased the man in

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the mustard jumper over the wall. I went past Lane to the rear of the house. I was then met by [REDACTED]. I have been asked if I saw a girl at the location. I may have done, I recall seeing a person in the alleyway who held a hand to the head and was covering the face. I thought it was a male person but it could have been female. No one was with her. I don't know where she or he went to. I have also been asked if I saw a prisoner white or asian with two P.C.'s at this location. I can recall two other uniform police officers being there my recollection is that they were over to my right. There may have been a civilian with them. I can't describe him. I've been asked who left the location first, as I recall it I left first with [REDACTED] leaving the two officers and the civilian behind. Some of course, had already left before. I don't recall seeing [REDACTED] at the location, although of course he may have been. As I walked back along Orchard Avenue I didn't really see anything of note. I seem to recall walking with [REDACTED] for a while but can't recall any other officers. I have been asked if I saw a carrier at Beachcroft Avenue junction with Orchard Avenue. There was not one there to my recollection I have been asked if I saw one in Orchard Avenue towards Herbert Road. I have a faint recollection that there was a carrier facing away from me in Orchard Avenue something like 20 yards or so towards Herbert Road. This is a faint recollection though and may not be correct. When I went up Beachcroft Avenue, it was very quiet, there was nobody in the road. I seem to recall Uniform Officers near the top of the road by the Broadway. I got

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act 1957, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of _____

back on my carrier that was parked in Northcote Avenue still. I have no recollection of seeing an ambulance at all, either in the street or at the carrier. When I got on the carrier _____ had already gone to hospital. _____

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 5B)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... Police Sergeant [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to No.3 Unit Special Patrol Group
LEYTONSTON
[REDACTED]

This statement,* consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of APRIL, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 at about 7.30 p.m. I was on uniform duty on Special Patrol Group vehicle 'Uniform 19' [REDACTED] was also on the vehicle and was in charge of the Unit. We were in The Broadway Southall performing 'public order' duties. There were very large crowd of militant Asians milling about the area and prior to this time we were assisting in cordoning off 'The Broadway' from marauding bands of demonstrators who had broken at least one shop window - divisional officers had shields at the cordon. Owing to the large number of demonstrators in The Broadway, Uniforms 19 and 21 were ordered to patrol this location, whilst doing so we were informed that a large group of Asians had secreted a large number of missiles at a nearby road junction. We located this group and found two milk crates and deposited them a reasonable distance away from the scene, hidden behind a garage. We then returned along

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]
Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

The Broadway in an easterly direction to our previous location where the crowds were even denser, we picked up [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom had been left guarding an alleyway and I understood from the [REDACTED] officers that a petrol bomb had been thrown at a Police coach and another had had all the windows smashed. We returned along The Broadway in a westerly direction and on two occasions had missiles thrown at the carriers by chanting, shouting Asians intermingled with white demonstrators. Most of these people were at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue and The Broadway. We returned to this junction and parked in Northcote Avenue near to The Broadway, where we debussed with the idea of arresting the stone throwers, as we did so we were met with a shower of missiles one of which struck [REDACTED] in the face. At this time we were now taking cover behind the vehicles because the attack upon us had become very ferocious. [REDACTED] ordered truncheons to be drawn and shields to be taken into use. The shields unit moved forward to relieve the attack on the carrier - at this time [REDACTED] instructed me to obtain urgent assistance via R/T. As the shield units moved forward missiles were still being thrown - I stayed in vicinity of both carriers with other P.Cs, one of whom was attending [REDACTED] there were now many people milling about and were now both sides of the carriers. After a short while No. 1 Unit carriers arrived and entered Beechcroft Avenue to assist the shield officers who had chased the stone throwers in a Southerly direction. During the stone throwing I saw one Asian man who was standing well away from the crowd struck on the body by a brick thrown from the rear of the crowd.

Signed [REDACTED] witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I stayed with the vehicle and the P.Cs until the other officers returned - [REDACTED] was removed by ambulance and we then retired from the scene. I have been asked whether I saw officers using their truncheons on any of the demonstrators. I did not. I have been asked whether I have any knowledge of any violence used by Police Officers against demonstrators. I can honestly say I have no such knowledge. The only violence used was by the demonstrators against us, that was why shields were used and truncheons were drawn in an attempt to break up the crowd who ran off when assistance arrived.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] J Unit JS
By [REDACTED]
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 5.33pm
finished at 5.35pm
Present:- [REDACTED]

Q Were you on duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April 1979?

A. Yes.

PW

Q. Where did you parade for duty and at what time?

A I didn't parade for duty I met them on the ground.

PW

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?

A. Not put.

Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?

A. No.

Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979?
If so when?

A. Not put.

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Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. Not put.

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

A. It's either at the nick or at home.

FW

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?

A. Not put.

The truncheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a new one.

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth)..... [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... Police Sergeant [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... attached to no. 3 Unit Special Patrol
group, Leytonstone.
556 - 8855

This statement,* consisting of 3 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of 24th April, 1979. I have been asked about an incident during the evening of 23rd April, 1979 when we drove down Beachcroft Avenue. It has been suggested that it was at the time of the milk crate incident. It could have been but I seem to recall that it was earlier. An Asian youth ran away and we followed in 'Uniform 19' to the junction with Orchard Avenue, the youth ran straight across Orchard Avenue into an alleyway and disappeared. Two Officers followed in pursuit and also disappeared. On instructions from [REDACTED] I got out of the van, found the two officers in the alleyway and instructed them to join the carrier. I can't recall anybody else getting out of the carrier. We then reversed and went back up Beachcroft Avenue into the Broadway. I've been asked to expand on my previous statement regarding the occasion

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

when we parked in Northcote Avenue. On the van just prior to this, 'Uniform 19' that is, in addition to myself, was [REDACTED] who was sitting at the front [REDACTED] who was the driver [REDACTED] who was the operator [REDACTED] who was sitting at the back near me, [REDACTED] who was also at the back part of the carrier, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I don't know where they were sitting. I can't remember properly but I believe [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could have been on board. We were the lead carrier and 'Uniform 21' were behind us. We both parked in the mouth of the junction of Northcote Avenue, and Broadway behind each other. When the missiles started to come over, and [REDACTED] was injured I was told by [REDACTED] to stay with the carriers. There was still a lot of demonstrators about. With me were [REDACTED] and I believe [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I can recall seeing the 1 Unit vehicle arriving. The first one had a traffic cone stuck underneath it and I saw it drive into Beachcroft Avenue. I don't recall seeing it stop. At that stage shield units consisting of our officers were across the mouth of Beachcroft Avenue. I cannot recall seeing the second carrier. Besides watching both sides I was also worried about what was going on behind us. A call had been made for an ambulance to collect [REDACTED] and we waited for it to arrive. I can't remember which direction the ambulance came from but I recall that it stopped outside the Leicester Shoe shop. I can't recall if other officers had returned to the van at

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

that time. Quite naturally the incident has been discussed by my officers and myself and I have heard nothing that would point to Police Officers having injured the man. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 780

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth).....
 Occupation of Witness..... Police Constable.....
 Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to 3 Unit, Special
 Patrol Group, Leytonstone
 556 8855

This statement,* consisting of 4 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 8th day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

I am attached to 3 Unit Special Patrol Group based at Leytonstone.

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I paraded for duty at 12.30pm at Leytonstone with the other members of my Unit. [redacted] was in charge of the unit and [redacted] and [redacted] were in charge of Uniform 21, Uniform 20 and Uniform 19, respectively. I was on Uniform 21 as is my normal posting. The driver was [redacted] the operator I believe was [redacted] and the rest of the crew consisted of my partner [redacted]. We drive to Feltham where we were operationally fed and then as a result of an urgent assistance call went to the Uxbridge Road to a park near to the police station. We were parked there for a short while - then all three carriers received a radio message and as a result all turned on their blue lamps and we drove in convoy along the Uxbridge Road past the police station to the Broadway, through a police cordon which was across the Broadway near the junction with Lady Margaret Road. As we went past them there were large

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

groups of people running along the road, some carrying sticks, some throwing stones. It was pouring with rain. At this stage [REDACTED] made an arrest, at least I believe it was at this stage. I assisted him to put the prisoner on the carrier. I believe that we then patrolled up and down the Broadway on a short patrol and things quietened down. Eventually we took up a stationary position near the junction with Alexandra Avenue. The main police cordon was still back near Lady Margaret Road and the crowd between us was generally unruly and getting larger. We walked along to the cordon as a unit instructing people to climb down off ATS etc. We then went back to the carriers. We were then informed that the window of a shoe shop, Barratts I believe, had been broken and Uniform 19 went along to deal with it. Some time after half past five a man wearing a turban came and stood on the corner of Alexandra Avenue, he seemed to attract a lot of attention and a crowd gathered round him. At about six o'clock one man called [REDACTED] came out of the crowd round this man and threw a stone towards the main cordon. He then threw another one at a small cordon of 'C' Division officers that were standing near our carriers. I arrested him and [REDACTED] retrieved the stone. I put him in the carriers. I then went with my prisoner to Uniform 20 which already had prisoners on board and was driven by [REDACTED]. He drove us all to Wembley Police Station. I remained there until my prisoner was charged at 7 o'clock. I then stayed to complete the necessary paper work. At about 8 o'clock I went into the canteen, turned on the radio to call up [REDACTED] to collect me and as I turned it on I heard I believe [REDACTED] saying 'We're under attack we need urgent assistance, we're being attacked'. Shortly after this at about half past eight [REDACTED] arrived to take me back. He had come once before some time

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of..... [REDACTED]

between 7 and 8 o'clock but I wasn't ready. Also in the van at that time were three Divisional PC's, one PC was PC [REDACTED] from 'CD'. We dropped them off at Southall Police Station and then met up with the rest of the crew of 20 in I believe, Lady Margaret Road. Uniform 21 was engaged taking prisoners to Ealing and I couldn't join them so I remained with Uniform 20. We went to snacks, then as things were all quiet, we then went on a general patrol and Uniform 21 came back. I got on board and we eventually were dismissed in the early hours of the morning. Obviously this incident has been the subject of conversation ever since, but I have not heard anything positive or rumour to indicate what happened. [REDACTED]

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]