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Interview of ; [REDACTED]

by ; [REDACTED]

at ; Room 236, Southall Police Station

on ; 24th April, 1979, 11.08pm

Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blai Clement 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 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 sir. 

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. One unit. 




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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My sergeant was [REDACTED] and [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. Approximately that time sir yes.

Q. Did you get out of the carrier?

A. No.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not asked.

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not asked

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

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked

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

A. Not asked

[REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

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

A. No sir.

[REDACTED]

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]

~~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 sir.

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked.

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(Dark Brown Hair)

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Interview of [REDACTED] (IN)

By [REDACTED]

at XS

on 26th April 1979

commenced at 6.53 P.M.

finished at 6.57 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. Barnes 2 P.M. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. but we were reminded to take them with us. [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]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No

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Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes

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

Truncheon seized by

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Q., What carrier were you on on 23rd April

1979

A. U 13

Q. Did you get out of it in Beechcroft
or Orchard Avenue?

A. No

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of [redacted]

Over 21

Age of Witness (Date of Birth)

Occupation of Witness

No. 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group

Address and Telephone Number

Barnes

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 8th day of May 1979

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty with 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group at Southall. I was posted to Uniform 13, and I partnered PC

[redacted] At about 7.45pm our carrier was going for refreshment when a call came over that 3 unit required urgent assistance. At that time [redacted] and myself were in the back of the carrier and [redacted] was driving. We went through a lot of back streets and came out on the Broadway quite a way west of the location where assistance was required. We started travelling east along the Broadway towards Beechcroft Avenue. At the stage our carrier was on its own, and we approached with blue lights and horns on. We met some bottles and bricks thrown at us from various points as we drove along. On arrival at Beechcroft Avenue there were other carriers at the scene at the end of the road but I do not know who they belonged to. We were about to enter Beechcroft Avenue when a PC stopped us and told us to go around the back and out of the demonstrators. There was a lot of

Signed [redacted] Signature witnessed by.....

*Delete as applicable.

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

about the junction and missiles were still coming from the direction of Beechcroft towards the Broadway. As we had approached the scene I was aware that carriers had entered Beechcroft Avenue but when we were stopped from going in by the PC we did a quick about-turn and I did not notice what was actually going on in Beechcroft Avenue. After turning about we drove west and took the next turning on the left. This did not get us anywhere near the demonstrators and for some reason we did not return to Beechcroft but continued on a normal patrol. Even after this incident we met stones being thrown at us, and the troubles kept going on until at least 10 o'clock. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by

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Interview of ; [REDACTED]

by ; D.C.I. [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)

at ; XS

on ; 27/4/79.

Commenced 11.03 am.

Finish 11.12 am.

Inquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Elai Clement 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. [REDACTED]

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. Number one. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. [REDACTED] was on the carrier
[REDACTED] was not on the carrier all
the time. [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. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Where were you?

A. At Hayes Police Station with the prisoner [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Running No 32). Arrested at 5.30pm.
Charged 7.35 pm. Then did notes, then waited
for Police Transport. Left about 8.30pm-9.00pm. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A.

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A.

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

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

A.

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B.

D. Describe what happened in that situation?

A.

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Q.

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

A.

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

A.

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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.

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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. Nothing at all. 

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

A.

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By D.C.I. [REDACTED] P.I.B. (2)
at XS
on 27/4/79

commenced at 11.13 am
finished at 11.15 am

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you perform your duty and at what time?

A. Barnes I do not know [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 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. No

Produce your tracheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes

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

Tracheon seized

Exhibit number

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... Police Constable [REDACTED]

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

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 3rd day of May, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 at about 6.30pm at Uxbridge Road, Southall, junction with Park View Road I was on duty in uniform and sitting in a Blue Ford Transit Mini-bus, designated call sign, 'Uniform 12', with [REDACTED] and other officers. Our instructions were to remain as a mobile reserve during a meeting, by members of the National Front at the nearby Town Hall, and a counter demonstration by members of the Anti-Nazi League and local members of the public. The vehicle I was in was stationary in the centre of the road facing east towards Hanwell. At about 6.30pm the vehicle was suddenly hit by a large number of missiles and there was a lot of noise. We were immediately ordered out of the vehicle by Police [REDACTED] and I got out with a protective shield and formed up on the nearside of the vehicle with [REDACTED] and another officer. We were being bombarded with bricks and chunks of concrete from the

Signed..... [REDACTED] 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.....

direction of Holy Trinity Church opposite. We moved forward towards the church wall but we were being hit from the sides. I felt a brick hit me on the right knee and I was forced to turn towards the thrower. I therefore became split up from the other officers. The people throwing the bricks ran in different directions and I followed into the church garden by climbing the low wall. I was standing looking for the other officers when I saw [redacted] stepping over the wall about 15 yards to my left and into the church garden. He did not have a shield. I then, incidently saw the defendant whom I now know to be, Mr. [redacted], aged 22, of [redacted] [redacted], running from close to the side of the church towards me and about 15 yards away. I noticed he was holding what looked like a brick in his left hand. I shouted to [redacted] "watch this one on your right." The defendant was followed by a number of other demonstrators. I held up my shield expecting him to throw the brick at me, but he kept running towards me. I moved slowly towards him and he collided with my shield which I twisted to my right and he fell to the ground. I told him I was arresting him for having an offensive weapon and cautioned him. I took hold of him to pick him up and saw the brick lying on the ground by his left hand. He said "Not me, I haven't done anything." [redacted] was then standing by me and I said to him "I've arrested this one, help me with him and bring the brick." As we picked up the defendant I felt blows raining down on me. I fended them off and saw a large crowd running through the church garden past us and over the wall into the Uxbridge Road. We

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

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

Continuation of statement of _____

eventually got the defendent over the wall and we had to hold him behind my shield as we were again being bombarded by bricks, he was sturggling and crying, but we eventually got him back to the Police vehicle. He was later taken to Hayes Police Station where he was charged, the charge was read to him and he was cautioned at 7.35pm. He said "I didn't mean to do it. I've never been in a Police Station before." On closer examination of the brick I found it was a piece of concrete about 5" x 4" x 2" and this I now produce as Exhibit RS/1.

Signed _____ signature witnessed by _____

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 5B)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 35 years [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness Police Constable [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group
BARNES

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 25th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I paraded for duty at Barnes Police Station at about 1pm where I am attached to No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group that day I was posted to Uniform 12 with my partner [REDACTED]. Also on the carrier was [REDACTED] and in charge of the Unit was [REDACTED] who was on Uniform 11. [REDACTED] sat in the front nearside seat behind the driver, [REDACTED] was behind me somewhere, I think he was in the next double seat behind me. I can't recall who else was on board I should explain that we work in pairs and normally every fourth day we change from plain clothes to uniform and about every 20 days we change carriers. When we are post driver and operator as a pair we usually take it in turns to drive that is one will drive the first half of the tour of duty and one the second half, that day we left Barnes and went to Feltham for refreshments, then we went to a call somewhere near the Broadway

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]

where a unit required assistance. Before we arrived there the call for assistance was cancelled. We then made our way towards the Police station and eventually were told to go on patrol of the area near the police station. Then at about 4.0'Clock turned into Park View Road where all three carriers, U 11, U 12 and U13 sat in a line outside a house which was obviously a den of extremists. We stayed there for a while then moved the carrier into Uxbridge Road and parked in the centre of the road facing East. Things deteriorated gradually until we were suddenly bombarded by missiles. It was a very bad occurrence that I can only describe as a full scale riot, there were bricks coming from all directions. At about 6.30pm I arrested a man named [REDACTED] and full details of that arrest are set out in my statement of 3rd May, 1979.

After completing my dealings with the prisoner at Hayes Police Station I was waiting for transport to rejoin my unit when I heard over the air a call from no. 3 Unit for urgent assistance and heard my unit acknowledge. About 20 minutes later transport arrived and conveyed me and other officers, I can recall [REDACTED] was there, and I believe [REDACTED] to Southall, to near the Town Hall where we walked along the Broadway and got on Board. One of our carriers, I believe it was "Uniform 12". Shortly after this we went for snacks. I can recall that the lads did talk about the call that they'd just been on, and I gained the impression

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

that it had been as bad if not worse than the incident at Parkview Road. We then carried out a general patrol until dismission at about 1.15am. The next day we were obviously all aware of the serious allegation, I believe that I had first heard it on the radio, and we all had to wait at Southall to be interviewed. At that time, and since, there has been talk among the officers of the incident, but nothing to suggest to me personally that any one particular officer of my unit was involved.

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of _____
 Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21
 Occupation of Witness Police Constable _____
 Address and Telephone Number Ruislip Police Station
 The Oaks, Ruislip Middex.
 900 7212

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 June 1979

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

On Friday 8th June 1979 at about 11 am I was summoned to the offices of CIB(2) at New Scotland Yard. I arrived at about 1pm and was interviewed by a Senior Police Officer I now know to be _____

As a result of that interview I make a further statement to the one I made on Friday 25th May 1979.

I am now at Ruislip Police Station but I was formerly _____ of No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group based at Barnes Police Station. The question will be asked why I left the Special Patrol Group. I joined the SPG as a single man aged 24 on _____ when I was based at Hounslow Police Station. I married in 1966 and went to live in Ealing. In 1971 I bought my own house in Hillingdon about 8 miles from Hounslow and the journey time by car was half an hour. In May 1976 No 1 Unit was moved to Barnes about 16 miles from my home a more difficult journey taking from fifty five minutes to an hour

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]

and a quarter. My average day away from home was between eleven and twelve hours per day because I also spent the first hour before duty maintaining the SPG vehicles. It was not a sudden decision to leave the SPG, I thought about it for a year. In the end the travelling became so tedious I decided to return to District duties.

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I reported for duty at 1pm and as on other days assisted with the maintenance of the vehicles. Members of the maintenance crew at that time were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sometimes deputised if any one of us was unable to attend. I cannot remember exactly who was maintaining the vehicles that day. The large equipment boxes with seat incorporated were taken from the location from the bulkhead behind the driver's seat of each vehicle and deposited in the vehicle maintenance room beside the property store, and four shields per vehicle were put in the position vacated by the boxes. The vehicles were swept out and all items of uniform left on the vehicles from the previous tour of duty were taken upstairs to the SPG office. Nothing was left on the vehicles except the jack and handles located directly behind the driver's seat, the first aid kit, seek and search lamp, the tray from the main boxes containing various books, bits of chalk, alcotest kit, mirror for searching under vehicles etc., placed under the first double seat behind the driver and the major incident box located under the next double seat back, the Geographer's atlas of London and the radio log book in its holder. I saw no bits of pipe, lengths of wood, coshes, pick-axe handles or anything else that could have been construed as or used as a weapon. Sometimes truncheons belonging to officers are left on the vehicles

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]

along with other items of uniform after a tour of duty and when we co to do the maintenance the next day these items would be taken upstairs and given to the owner. I did not see a truncheon left on the vehicles that day.

I have known [REDACTED] since he joined the SPG and I think that was in 1966 or 1967. He has been responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles for many years. I have hardly ever seen him without his old army haversack which contained a number of his personal tools and which he often used to do 'on the road' repairs on the vehicles. Without this small tool kit and the fact that he was not frightened to get his hands dirty, some vehicles would have been off the road at a time when they were needed most. There must also be many thankful private motorists about, due to his tool kit. I do not remember seeing him with it on 23rd April 1979.

[REDACTED] as responsible for clearing all equipment from the vehicles prior to them being taken to MFD at Northolt for disposal. The SPG to my knowledge, have changed vehicles four times in its fourteen years and I feel sure that he must have found some peculiar bits and pieces behind panels and down the backs of seats. I myself had occasion to look behind a panel and I found a rusty knife. I cannot remember what I did with it, it was many years ago. There was no way of finding out where it came from but it was fairly obvious that a prisoner at some time had been placed in the vehicle without being searched, and had found the opportunity of hiding it behind a panel.

We all knew that [REDACTED] locker was a veritable 'Alladin's Cave'

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]

of 'junk' some useful and some he had obviously forgotten was even there. Apart from the small toolkit in his haversack I never once saw him take anything with him on duty that could be used as a weapon and certainly not on the 23rd April. He was often called upon to supply crowbars or sledgehammers to be used in gaining entry into premises when executing a search warrant. He kept things in his locker for such eventualities but after the job had been done it was returned to his locker. He often kept it unlocked so that his tools etc could be used if he was not there. He was always willing to help in any way he could. I have never known him to be violent towards anybody.

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by

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Interview of ;

by ;

D.C.I. [REDACTED]

at ;

Room 236, Southall Police Station

on ;

24th April, 1979, 11.01 p.m.

Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blai Clement 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, Sir. [REDACTED]

[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. No. 1 Unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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. Yes, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not asked.

Q. Did you have your trancheon drawn?

A. Not asked.

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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6.

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

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.



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

A. No. I was the driver of my carrier. I didn't see anything. ■

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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. Not asked.

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 Beechcroft Avenue and their position in relation
to you?

A. Not asked.

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 Unit, Special Patrol Group
 Barnes

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 8th day of May, 1978.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I performed duty with no 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group at Southall. For that tour of duty I was posted as driver on Uniform 13. [REDACTED] was on board but I do not remember the other names as I am new to the group. I did not have a watch on that day but at about a quarter to eight my carrier was sent for snacks. We got to the road where the place was when we heard a call for assistance. We acknowledged the call and responded. [REDACTED] was acting as operator and I do not remember what the location of the call was. Somehow I got my carrier to the Broadway and joined up with Uniform 11 and Uniform 12. We travelled in convoy along the Broadway going east. I had switched on the blue lights and the horns. I am sure that Uniform [REDACTED] was leading. I saw the two carriers in front turn into a road on the right which I now know to be Beechcroft Avenue, and I was about to follow when we were flagged down by a PC who was standing in the middle of the junction. He requested us to double back and out of the

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 [REDACTED]

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demonstrators from behind. So I did a 'U' turn in the Broadway then took the first left. I did a series of right turns when it became obvious that I could not get behind the demonstrators and ended up back in the Broadway. I went back to the spot where I had done a 'U' turn and it was all quiet by this time, but there was a lot of debris about the place. When I had been flagged down by the PC on first arriving at the scene, I was stopped at the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue half-turned into the road. I saw the back end of the carriers travelling down Beechcroft and then my attention was drawn to the PC who was asking us to go around the back. I was aware of a number of officers on foot with shields out across the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue I saw a number of people beyond them, and I saw missiles coming towards the line of Police. As I recollect, the line of Police was only half across the road, taking up the east side of the junction. Both of the other carriers of my unit went on the west side of that road and passed those officers on foot. I did not see the officers move forward because at that moment I did the 'U' turn. No-one on my carrier got out. When I drew up at the scene originally I was aware that there were carriers there but I cannot be more specific. When I answered the call for assistance I am not sure who was on my carrier. I am sure that they were all 1 Unit, but may not have been the original crew that I started out with. [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] unit 2N

By DET. CH. INSP. [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)

at Southall Police Station

on 25th April 1979

commenced at 6.27 p

finished at 6.29 p.

Present Det. Sgt [REDACTED]

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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. Paraded at Barnes at 2.00 [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 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes

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

Truncheon seized by

Exhibit number

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..... 1 Unit, SPG
 Barnes
 876 2352

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 8th day of May, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

I have a total of 7 years police service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group just over a year ago. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I paraded at Barnes at 2pm for duty at Southall. I was assigned to Carrier U13. We went initially to Feltham where we were fed. Shortly after we had finished our meal we went to the Railway Station to assist 3 Unit SPG who were being stoned by demonstrators. Having dealt with that incident we were then involved in one or two other minor skirmishes. At 6.30pm at Southall Park I arrested [REDACTED] for assault on police. The prisoner and myself were conveyed to Hayes (XA) and I remained with him until he was charged at 7.45pm. We ran into transport troubles at Hayes and eventually we were taken back to Southall in the Hayes Van. We arrived there shortly after 9pm. A number of divisional officers were also conveyed back to Southall aboard the van as were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I rejoined my carrier U13, at Southall Police Station between 9.30pm and 10pm. We went directly for

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 [REDACTED]

a meal provided by the Metropolitan Police Catering Services and resumed patrol within half an hour of that. By this time the demonstration was virtually over. I remained on duty until I was transported back to [REDACTED] and booked off duty at 2am. I heard that a man had died during the demonstration the day after and I have not heard anything since then that could assist enquiries in that direction.

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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. 10.41pm


Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blai Clement 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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Q. On 23 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes I was sir. 

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. I was with One Unit. 



Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My Inspector was [REDACTED] and the Sergeant in charge of my carrier was [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.


Q. Did you get out of the vehicle?

A. No.

Q. Did you have protective shields?


A. Yes. 

Q. Did you have your trenchon drawn?


A. Not asked. 



Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not asked. 

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

A. Not asked. 




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


A. Not asked.



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

A. Not asked. 

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

A. Not asked. 






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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked.



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

A. Not asked.

[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 sir.

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

A. Not asked.



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 sir.





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

A. Not asked.



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Interview of [redacted]

By [redacted] P.I.B. (2)

at XS

on 27/4/79

commenced at 11.20 am

finished at 11.22 am

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

A. Yes [redacted]

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

A. Barnes I was at Court Lane [redacted]

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

A. [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]

[redacted]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your tracheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

The tracheon will now be retained for forensic examination and you will be issued with a receipt.

Tracheon 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) Over 21
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group
Barnes.

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 [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I performed duty with No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group, at Southall. I was posted "Uniform 13" and my partner was [REDACTED]. The Sergeant on the carrier was [REDACTED]. Also on the carrier was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with the driver. The R/T operator was [REDACTED]. Prior to the events in Beecheroff [REDACTED] at about 8 pm we had lost three men off the carrier [REDACTED] had been stabbed and had been taken to hospital, and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had made arrests and had gone to Hayes charging centre with their prisoners. Just before 8 o'clock that evening our carrier had been ordered to go for [REDACTED]

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)

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snacks. We dropped off [redacted] at Southall Police Station and tried to find the place where meals were being provided. We got a little lost. Then we heard the call come up from a unit asking for urgent assistance. We retraced our path to Southall Police Station, picked up [redacted] and then drove west along the main road. Shortly after passing the town hall we came across a cordon made up of foot officers and mounted branch. There was a very large crowd on the other side of the cordon and it was obvious that we could not get through. Our driver took the carrier through the back streets until we were travelling east on the main road at a point much further west. We came up to a junction where there were several carriers parked. There was no disturbance at that junction, but there was glass and debris all over the road as if there had been trouble there earlier. We drew up at the junction and I locked down the road on the right hand side. I now gather that that road was in fact Beechcroft Avenue. There was a disturbance going on further down that street, I saw officers deployed along the street with shields. Further down the street there was a crowd. It was apparent that the crowd were stoning the officers. I am sure that missiles were being thrown but I cannot detail a specific incident. When we first arrived I do not remember actually seeing any carriers in Beechcroft Avenue but carriers did go down there I think. There were quite a few carriers at the top of that avenue. We went to get out of the carrier in the main road, but someone came up to us, I think it was [redacted]

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by [redacted]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

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from 3 unit and told us to go round the back and try and cut off the demonstrators. Our carrier did an about turn and then took the first turning on the left. We went down the road and found it deserted and that there was no way that we could get through to where the trouble was. Then we had instructions to take the carriers away from the main road so we drove away from the area. At the time of these incidents I did not have a watch on but I would estimate that it was between five and ten minutes from receiving the assistance call to actually arriving at the location at Beechcroft Avenue. The call for assistance came over the S.P.G. set so other units probably responded as well. When we arrived at the scene I remember seeing one carrier with its windscreen gone and there was another carrier pulled up alongside it. Those two were on our left. I think there were a couple of carriers in front of us and I believe their crews were still on board. When I looked down Beechcroft Avenue I saw a line of police with shields about 15 or 20 yards into the road with the crowd about another 30 yards beyond them. The shields were deployed in little groups and were moving after the crowd. They had shields up so they were obviously under fire. We only stayed at the junction a couple of minutes before setting off again to try and get around the back of the crowd.

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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 Constable [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number Special Patrol Group
1 Unit, Barnes
Tel 876 2352 ext 44

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 11th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group for the past [REDACTED] on One Unit, stationed at Barnes. I know all officers on my unit and most officers, by face on SPG. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty at Barnes at about 12.30pm. I was allocated to duty on Uniform 13, one of the three carriers on 1 Unit. The driver was [REDACTED] operator, [REDACTED] was in charge. Other officers were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] joined us later and probably [REDACTED] was on the carrier. Every four days the crews change duties which might mean a change of carrier on which an officer is employed. Generally speaking we are paired off and keep the same partner, but sometimes we switch. My partner is [REDACTED]. We have worked together for about six months. On 23rd April we went with our unit to go to Feltham for refreshments, before employment at Southall at a National Front meeting. We had a briefing by [REDACTED] out Unit Inspector at Barnes, before we

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]

left. I can remember very little about the briefing and no particular instructions. Just before 3pm we were instructed by [REDACTED] to move off for Southall. All three carriers left Feltham together, but I can't remember where in Southall we arrived. At some stage we parked opposite the Park in Park View Road, Southall. This was I believe the first place we went to. There was a crowd of people in Park View Road and Uxbridge Road junction. I don't know how many people there were. There was a large detached house about 30 yards from the junction with Uxbridge Road on the west side. I could see about two or three dozen west Indian faces looking out of various windows in the house. They were youngsters of both sexes ages around 18 or 19 years. There was a lot of movement of people in and out of the house. Both blacks and whites of about the same age group, I could sense they were hostile. They were not shouting at police, but I could see a West Indian standing with his fists clenched and others just staring at us. Outside the house was a West Indian with a woolly hat on carrying a megaphone. He was telling the crowd to walk past the police to get to the Town Hall. He was shouting words to the effect 'You're going to be arrested anyway'. 'Walk through them'. He appeared to be attempting to agitate the crowd. [REDACTED] instructed our unit to move out of Park View Road and to the end of the central reservation in the dual carriageway of Uxbridge Road, about 50 - 60 yards east of the police station. My carrier debussed to keep the crowd on to the footway. Apart from the police cordon we were the only other police there. The cordon were across Uxbridge Road. The man with the megaphone accompanied by a couple of other West Indians continually walked up and down the crowd, still encouraging the crowd to go past the cordon. There were a number of stewards with red arm bands assisti

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]

police to contain the crowd. I could see the crowd getting larger and more hostile. We were going to need more police assistance. I could see we could not contain such a crowd without more police. Further assistance did not arrive. About 40 minutes after debussing I remember a flare going up from the direction of the house in Park View Road previously mentioned. This seemed to be a signal to the crowd which suddenly ran towards the police cordon. We tried to hold them back, but it was not possible. Bricks and bottles started coming over from the back of the crowd. Many of the missiles were falling short, into the crowd. I didn't see if anyone was injured. I was swept back with the crowd and separated from my colleagues. I pushed my way through the crowd to Park View Road. There I saw [REDACTED] He and some Divisional PC's and an Inspector were struggling with a West Indian, who was a very big and tall man. He wouldn't let go of a 'No through Road' sign. Bricks and bottles were still flying through the air. It was difficult to see who was throwing the missiles, but they appeared mostly West Indian types. The vast majority of the crowd were Asian types. I assisted the other officers with the big West Indian. We took him to Park View Road and Uxbridge Road. I left the others there with him and ran towards my carrier which by this time was under fire from missiles. I took a shield. Only the driver stayed in the carrier. I could see bottles, bricks and flares being thrown from the house referred to in Park View Road, from the Churchyard and Park View Road. As I got my shield [REDACTED] arrived and also got a shield. I could see another divisional sergeant had arrived with shields. [REDACTED] and I joined them. We all advanced towards the missile [REDACTED] in Park View Road. At this point mounted police arrived and

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

they charged through to disperse the crowd. I made my way with the serial to the house in Park View Road from which missiles were being thrown at the mounted officers. Some officers went in and brought out black and white prisoners, whilst [REDACTED] and I stayed outside with other officers. Once it became quiet [REDACTED] and I went back to our carrier. Some of our colleagues were already there. We stayed there for a long while. I can't remember if we had any prisoners, I hadn't arrested anyone. I had been injured by a half a brick which hit me in the face around the start of the trouble when I had gone to assist [REDACTED]. I did not report my injury which was a twisted neck. I was not bleeding. I did get covered in green paint which was showered on me from the Park View Road house. All this violence had occurred long before the meeting was due to start at the Town Hall. Later we patrolled. We were told that one carrier at a time could go for refreshments. We were heading in the general direction of the place designated for refreshments. (I can't remember where now but north of the police station) when a call came out that 3 Unit were being attacked in the Broadway. A junction location was given, but I can't remember it now. I think our carrier was on its own at that time with [REDACTED] driving, [REDACTED] and myself on board. There may have been others. [REDACTED] was not there, he had been taken to hospital with a stab wound earlier on. I don't know how we got there but we arrived in Broadway driving east. As we drove towards the junction with Bescheroff Avenue I could see an SPG carrier stopped roughly in the middle of the junction facing west, I think. It was not a 1 Unit carrier, but I can't say which unit it was. A PC came up to our carrier as we approached the junction and stopped us. I could see about 30 - 40 PC's around the junction some with shields. I don't know

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

who they were. Some I recognised as SPG officers from other units, others were clearly Divisional officers. I am pretty certain there were two green police coaches parked on the south side of Broadway. I don't know which direction they were facing. I only saw the one SPG carrier. I could not see any crowd, although there were a number of people about, standing in small groups back from the junction. I did not see any missiles being thrown at that time. I did not see any people or policemen running about. We had a missile hit the carrier on the way up Broadway before we got to the junction. At this time I was in some pain from my injury. I was sitting in the nearside middle of the three single seats of the carrier. I noticed bottles and bricks all over the road in the junction. I did not lock down Beechcroft Avenue. The PC directed my carrier back the way we had come and to take the next street on the left to get to the bottom of Beechcroft. As a result of what he told us, the driver turned the vehicle in the Broadway and took the turning indicated, but found we were unable to get into Beechcroft, we turned right at the bottom and right again towards Broadway. When we got to the Broadway I do not know which direction we took. We did not go back to Beechcroft Road. To the best of my recollection my carrier did not go down Beechcroft Road. We continued to patrol. I don't know when we joined up with our other carriers, but I think it was after refreshment at the designated place. Later in the evening we were employed dispersing small groups of people hanging about the Broadway. This would have been about 9 - 10 pm. I reported my injury to [REDACTED] and attended Ealing to see the Divisional Surgeon. He was not there and so the following day I reported sick and saw my own doctor. I was placed on certificated resuming 8th May 1979. I have discussed the incident on 23rd April 1979 with my colleagues on 1 Unit. I learned the following

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]

day after the incident on the T.V. News or in a newspaper that a man had died at the demonstration. I do not know anything about that particular matter. [REDACTED] my partner, visited me a few times in the period of my sickness at my house. On the first visit he mentioned that members of my unit had been questioned about the incident. I have seen a photograph of the dead man, Blair PRACH in the newspaper. I do not recognise the picture as anyone I know or anyone I saw on 23rd April 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] CIB(2)
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.

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

A I didn't parade for duty I met them on the ground.

FW

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.

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

A. Not put.

The truncheons 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, 1867, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1888, r. 55)

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Southall Police Station
High Street
Southall Middlesex

This statement, consisting of 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 27th day of April, 1979.

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

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was on duty as a Police Liaison Officer at the New Ealing Hospital Uxbridge Road Southall as a result of the disturbances in Southall. Sometime during the evening a man who I now know to be Blair PEACH was admitted who had serious head injuries I do not remember what time he was admitted. I went into the cubicle in the casualty with D/C but due to the man's condition we were asked to leave. As a result of what I was told I then went and spoke to a young lady who I now know to be I told her I was a Police Officer and said "I understand you are a friend of the man who has been admitted with head injuries?" She said "Yes" I then took her name and address and said "Can you tell me what happened to him?" She said "We were in a road together and we were chased by the police I was separated from him but when I looked back I saw some truncheons flying. I went back later and seen

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]

him to a group of people who said he might be in the house. When I went in he was sitting in a chair." I said, "Did you see him hit?" She said, "No. Why do you want to know anyway?" I said "Because I am a Police Officer and I want to know how he got his injuries?" she said "But why do you want to know." I said "Because we will have to find out how he got his injuries what do you want to do ignore him and hope he will go away." I then told her to sit in the waiting room and that somebody would be along to see her and take a statement. She said "I'm not making a statement without a Solicitor I then went to the Police Control Room at the hospital and when I returned to the hospital waiting room to speak to [REDACTED] I could not find her. I searched the hospital and still could not find her. I then carried on with my duties. Whilst I was speaking to [REDACTED] was speaking to another young lady. I do not know her name or hear what was said between them. [REDACTED] was unable to tell me the name of the road where PEACE was found except to say that the house was the second one in a road near Safeways.

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236, Southall Police Station

on: 25th April, 1979

'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]

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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. One unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. Sergeant [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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

A. I don't know where Beechcroft Avenue is but during the course of the evening I was the driver of carrier Uniform 12 and we went to a number of calls. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the carrier?

A. When we stopped, the other officers got out of the vehicle and I took over as driver and followed them down the street. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not asked.

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not asked.

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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

A. It was noisy. There were a lot of people shouting or running. There was a number of officers with shields. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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B.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. I went down a one-way street and had to reverse out.
In doing so I let out an ambulance. [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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10.

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

A. No. At that time I was concentrating on the driving. [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]

[REDACTED]

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

A. When we drove up to it [REDACTED] was driving. [REDACTED] was aboard and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. After then I picked up a variety of officers. We did not pick up any prisoners at this time. [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. [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act. 1967, s. 2.9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 68)

Statement of _____

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness _____

Address and Telephone Number no. 1 Unit S.P.G.
Barnes Police Station

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 this 30th day of April, 1979.

Signed _____
Signature witnessed by _____

On Monday 23rd April, I was on duty with no. 1 Unit S.P.G. at Southall posted to uniform L2 with _____ my partner. It is normal practice on our unit for officers to work in pairs. _____ is driving the carrier, his partner is off sick at the present time. _____ was posted to the carrier with his partner _____ also _____ and his partner _____. At some time during the day _____ joined us and _____ was the Sergeant in charge. That was the full crew for the shift of duty. During the day we lost several members of the crew. _____ was injured in the first incident of the day and _____ and _____ both had prisoners. During the course of the evening but I do not know the time the three carriers were standing by as a unit. Some transmission came over the radio and I know _____ was standing alongside at the time.

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]

down Beechcroft Avenue. On reflection I think that we must have stopped further into the Broadway so it was possible for that carrier to pass us. I don't recollect any of the crew carrying shields at that time. I would not take very long for the crew to get out and for me to take over. I don't remember any particular holdups. When the officers got out of the carrier they ran down Beechcroft Avenue which was in distinct contrast to the other officers who were standing on the corner. I was ready to move off to follow my crew but I was prevented from doing so by foot police standing in the roadway. When they got out of the way I drove down Beechcroft and I think I drove to the bottom in one movement. I can't remember stopping at all. As I drove down Beechcroft Avenue I was not aware of any other carrier but when I reached the far end of Orchard Avenue I realised there was another carrier in front facing the same way. I probably drove down Beechcroft Avenue at the same speed as a P.C. running. As I drove down Beechcroft Avenue I was aware of P.C.'s and civilians running in that direction - not a large group. I couldn't identify any Police Officer and I am unable to describe any of the civilians. The people in Beechcroft were running straight down the road not dispersing into the sides. I was not aware of any of the members of my crew drawing truncheons when they got out of the carrier. Although during the day I saw truncheons drawn I am not aware of truncheons being drawn in Beechcroft Avenue. When I reached the junction with Orchard Avenue the majority of the P.C.'s and the people had turned left and I stopped at the corner to decide

Signed [REDACTED]

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which way to turn. I think someone jumped on the carrier at that time. I turned left, some more crew got back on, and although it was quiet where we were there was activity further along the road. I think [REDACTED] got on at this time and shepherded other officers back on. I think we may have picked up officers from other carriers but not from other units. I had the impression that the people in Orchard Avenue were dispersing. They were certainly disappearing up the side alleys. They moved as the Police Officers approached them but I don't think the P.C.'s followed them up the side alleys. I can't remember seeing any truncheons being used in that part of the street in any way. As I drove along Orchard Avenue P.C.'s were getting on and off the carrier to disperse the crowd as we reached it. It was a continuous process. When we got to the end of Orchard Avenue there was a big puddle and a carrier stopped next to it. That carrier was facing the same way as me and another carrier facing the opposite direction. These were face to face as there wasn't room for two vehicles to pass. I was aware that [REDACTED] was trying to get the crew together and it appeared that [REDACTED] had either been left behind or got on another carrier. I was aware that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were on the carrier with [REDACTED]. Although I may have had P.C.'s from other carriers on my carrier at various times in Orchard Avenue I think they sorted themselves out at the end of Orchard Avenue and got on their respective carriers. I then reversed back up Orchard Avenue. As I was doing so I pulled over to the side to allow an ambulance to pass me. This was travelling West along Orchard Avenue but without horns or lights. After it had

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passed me I continued reversing and backed into a small entrance by the side of no. 44. I then drove into Beechcroft Avenue and drove back up to the Broadway. There were so many P.C.'s in Orchard Avenue all the time I was going along that some of them must have been Divisional P.C.'s because there were too many for the small number we had. At no time did I see any person who appeared to be ill or injured. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1987, 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 Unit S.P.G.
BARNES
876 - 2352

This statement,* consisting of 9 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]

I have a total of 8 years Police Service and I was posted to the Special Patrol Group in [REDACTED] I have served on No. 1 Unit since that time. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can clarify one or two matters that I referred to in my previous statement of the 30th April, 1979, and in particular from the time we went to assist other officers in Beachcroft Avenue. Just prior to receiving the call for assistance my Carrier, U.12 was parked in one of the side streets on the South side of the Broadway. We were parked on the East side of the street facing the junction with the Broadway. We were parked right on the junction. The other 2 carriers of 1 unit, that is to say U.11 and U.13 were parked one behind the other opposite us in the side street and were also facing the Broadway. At that time [REDACTED] was the driver, I was the R.T. Operator and the following officers were also aboard: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of.....

I remember that a call for urgent assistance came over one of the radios but I cannot now remember the text of the message. At this time [REDACTED] was standing nearby talking to Officers from one of the other carriers. Someone drew [REDACTED] attention to the call and the officers he was talking to jumped back into their carrier and we drove off. I know that our Carrier turned right into the Broadway and at some time turned right again. I am not familiar with the area and I cannot say which roads we travelled along. However, I have since had the opportunity of looking at a map of the area and I can say that having left the Broadway we travelled along some road south of it and running parallel with the Broadway in a westerly direction. I know also that we eventually came back into the Broadway and travelled East towards Beachcroft Avenue. I do not recall seeing either of the other 2 carriers at anytime on that journey. I can say that certainly neither of the Carriers were in front of us as we drove along the Broadway and approached the junction with Beachcroft Avenue. I cannot remember if we had the flashing blue light on or the siren going whilst on that journey but it is probable that we did. We drove at a fast speed and on arriving at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue I saw 3 empty vehicles which I think were carriers parked at awkward angles in the centre of the junction and 3 P.C.'s with shields. These officers were standing right at the junction of Beachcroft facing towards Orchard Avenue. As I said in my previous statement there were other officers standing about on the corners looking down Beachcroft. They were not S.P.G. Officers. I think that the reason that they were not getting involved was

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

because that had probably been given specific points in the Broadway to cover and that they were without radio communication and were unaware of what was happening. [REDACTED] stopped our Carrier diagonally across the South West corner of Beachcroft Avenue with the front of the mobile just facing into Beachcroft. All of the Officers got out of our carrier and I slid over into the drivers seat. I cannot remember if any of the officers took shields with them. I know that by the time I had settled in the drivers seat and prepared move off all of the officers from my carrier had gone as had the officers with the shields that had been standing at the junction. I have been asked at this stage if I can refer back to my previous statement and clarify what I said about having the impression that another carrier passed ours whilst our crew was dismounting. That must have been the impression that I had at the time that I made that statement. However, I cannot say now that I can remember a Carrier passing me. I drove down Beachcroft Avenue at about 10 or 15 miles an hour. I can remember Police and civilians running down Beachcroft Avenue on the pavements in front of me. They appeared to be stragglers and were well spaced out. I did not see any person being arrested or fighting with Police. I cannot recall any injured persons either on the pavements or in the road as I drove along Beachcroft Avenue. Throughout the time I drove down Beachcroft I kept at the same speed and kept up with the rear of those running. I did not see any carrier overtake me in Beachcroft and I stopped at the junction with Orchard Avenue. I stopped just far enough in to the junction to be able to see both to my left and my right. When I drove down Beachcroft

Signed [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I did not have the siren operating or the blue light flashing. It appeared to me that most of the people had turned left into Orchard Avenue and after a brief stop at the junction I followed the crowd and stopped almost immediately round the corner. I think some of my crew re boarded the carrier at the junction but I cannot remember who they were. I then drove along Orchard Avenue picking up the crew as I did so. From time to time an officer got out to clear people away and I picked them up again when they had done so. I can remember [REDACTED] being aboard the carrier at some stage after I started driving along Orchard Avenue because I remember him saying 'Come on lads' as he got them back aboard the carrier. We pulled up at the end of Orchard Avenue just before the junction with Herbert Road. I pulled up about a carriers distance from another carrier that was parked at that location. I do not know which Unit this Carrier belong to it may or may not have been one of ours. At the time our crew re grouped at that location [REDACTED] was the only officer that could not be accounted for. I cannot remember where he eventually rejoined us I can only recall that he was with us later when we took refreshments. I do remember that while we were trying to find out where [REDACTED] was whilst we were parked in Orchard Avenue he responded to a call over the personal radio so his whereabouts were known and he was not missing as such. I have been asked if I can recall anything at all that I may have seen when I stopped the carrier in Beachcroft Avenue at the junction with Orchard Avenue and I am not conscious of anything in particular. I can remember no Entry signs at the junction. I have also been asked if I can recall seeing anyone either in the road

Signed: [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

or on the pavement at that junction when I pulled up and I have no such recollection. I would estimate that it took about ten minutes from the time that we first entered Becheroff until we left because the events I have spoken about were continuous and happened very quickly. At some stage very early in the evening of the demonstration several officers from the three 1 Unit Carriers gave me their watches for safe keeping and I put them in a bag aboard my carrier. These belonged to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At the end of the evening I had one watch left over which I thought belonged to [REDACTED] so I left it for him in his tray at Barnes. I was up quite early the following morning because my husband who is a Traffic Patrol Officer was early turn and I was required to go to Vine Street Police Station in relation to the identification of property. I heard on the news before I left home that a man had died during the demonstration and I was under the impression that this had happened in a home in the Park View Road area much earlier in the evening at the really violent demonstration at that location. I booked on at Barnes at 9.30am on the morning after the demonstration and learned that the watch I had left for [REDACTED] did not belong to him. I thought I had probably given the wrong watch to [REDACTED] so I rang him at somewhere between 9.30am and 10am at his home. I learned that he had got the right watch. At this time I asked him if he had heard the news about the man dying and he had not. We spoke briefly about it and both assumed it was something to do with the house I mentioned earlier. Later that day I went with the rest of my unit to Southall where an Officer from

Signed [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

G.I.B.(2) interviewed me about the demonstration and it was at that time that I learned that a man had died as a result of injuries received in Beachcroft Avenue. Having now considered what I said earlier in this statement about my not having the blue light on or the siren going when I drove down Beachcroft Avenue I now seem to recall that I did in fact have the blue light on but not the siren.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Interview of ; [REDACTED]
#2018 ; Unit SPG (J.S.)
by ; [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)
present ; [REDACTED]
At ; Southall Police Station
on ; Tuesday 24th April 1979
commenced ; 8.45 p.m.
terminated ; 9.5 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 23rd 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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2. A . . .
Q. On 25 April 1979 were you on duty with the Special
Patrol Group at Southall?

A. Yes

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Sergeant [REDACTED] the carrier and Inspector [REDACTED] was on another carrier U19

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. No. I was driving. I didn't get out of the carrier at anytime. [REDACTED]

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C. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No not at anytime. [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. Not put

Q. Did you hear anyone give the order to draw truncheons?

A. Yes. The order was given by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Northcote Avenue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. It was very tense with us being bombarded by bricks and stones by demonstrators who had ambushed us. The stone throwing had started before we got into Northcote Avenue but it was at its greatest in Northcote Avenue. The crew of my carrier got out but I stayed with the vehicle. [REDACTED]

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the carrier

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

A. I reversed into the Broadway so that the crew could easily get into the carrier if necessary.

Q. Did you then go down Beechcroft Avenue in the carrier to Orchard Avenue?

A. No I stayed in the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Were shields issued?

A. Yes. In Northcote Avenue before I reversed back into the Broadway. [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not put [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

The only person I did see injured was
[REDACTED] who was struck in the face
with a brick. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. I saw an Asian aged about 16/17 throwing stones in the direction of the carrier in Northcote Avenue. When the crew returned to the carrier in the Broadway I saw the same person who was standing on the corner, the North West corner of the Broadway. I pointed him out to [REDACTED] the man turned to walk away. I drove up towards the footway alongside him & [REDACTED] got out of the carrier & arrested him. I think we ended up with 5 prisoners from that location, arrested by my crew but I can't say what for or by whom. They were all Asian males. Apart from the general stone throwing I didn't see any violence. I saw no police officer use any violence. [REDACTED]

[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?

No. [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]

[REDACTED]

[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. Not put [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] (JS)
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.45 pm
finished at 5.48 pm

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. I don't think so. I had it with me. [REDACTED]
I may have been booking the vehicle out which I was driving. [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]

[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 108

[REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1987, 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 (J.S.)

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 30th day of May 19 79.
Signed.....
Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday, 23rd April I performed duty with 3 unit S.P.G. at Southall. I was in uniform and I was posted driver of Uniform 21. Due to the conditions I was wearing a protective helmet and a raincoat. During the course of that afternoon the crew of my carrier had been involved in several incidents during which some prisoners had been taken. For this reason the crews on each carrier had changed a lot during the day. In the evening 3 unit was given the job of patrolling The Broadway, West of Northcote Avenue. At that time..... was on the carrier and..... was in the operator's seat. and I think..... were on board in the rear of the carrier. The carrier was fairly full up because only two carriers were on patrol because the third had gone in with prisoners. We drove to the junction with Northcote Avenue. I was

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Continuation of statement of.....

driving behind Uniform 19. As we approached from the West there were crowds on both sides of the Broadway and stones were thrown at the carriers from both sides as they neared Northcote Avenue. Both carriers turned left into Northcote Avenue. We did a 'U' turn in Northcote Avenue and then drove up to the Broadway, turned right and drove West along the Broadway. Again stones were thrown and they seemed mainly to come from the crowd which was on the South side of the Broadway. Some of the shops had had their windows broken and glass was lying on the footway. I had been aware of a Police coach parked against the North kerb of the Broadway first a little East of the junction with Northcote Avenue and I think that some of its windows had been smashed. I don't remember seeing a Police cordon near the coach. We drove away from the crowd of demonstrators to the end of the Broadway. We turned the carriers around and then a discussion took place as to how we could best deal with them. The first time we had been caught unawares by them. As a result the two carriers drove back towards Northcote Avenue side-by-side. I was on the nearside with Uniform 19 on my offside. As we got to the junction with Northcote Avenue there was a barrage of missiles from both sides. The crowd appeared to be all Asians. I could see people on my nearside stepping out from the crowd and throwing missiles at the carrier. We then turned left into Northcote Avenue, uniform 19 was in front offside. Parked vehicles prevented us from driving side-by-side. This time as we entered Northcote Avenue we got a barrage of missiles from all directions. I felt a barrage of missiles hitting both sides of the carrier, the roof, the

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

rear and one missile hit the windscreen causing a chip. The carrier has a reinforced glass windscreen. If it had not been for the reinforced glass the windscreen would have been completely smashed. A car that was parked on the rear side of the carrier did in fact have a smashed windscreen. We stopped roughly 25 yards into Northcote Avenue, and I did notice that the carrier in front, uniform 19, did have its windscreen completely cracked. There were crowds of people on both sides of us and I had the feeling that we'd been ambushed. [REDACTED] gave an order over radio network for everyone to get out with shields. I can't remember whether the order to draw truncheons was given at that time but certainly at some point that order was given. I stayed in the carrier on my own. As far as I am aware everybody got out of uniform 19 apart from the driver. As the crew were preparing to get out of my carrier I turned to help with the shields which were directly behind me. The side door was opened and before anyone got out several missiles hit the inside of the door piercing the upholstery. The missiles were bricks, stone and glass. The crews got out and formed up in shield formation by the side of uniform 21, facing down towards the Broadway where the main troublemakers were. It was at this time that I saw [REDACTED] hit fully in the face with a brick but I didn't see who threw it. I saw him fall down. One of the crew shouted "Man injured". and [REDACTED] was then helped into uniform 19 which was furthest away from the trouble. The rest of the unit then moved South and into the Broadway itself. A call for assistance had been made by uniform 19. When the opportunity came

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I reversed the carrier towards the Broadway. I reversed into the Broadway towards the Town Hall so that I was facing West. I parked in the middle of the Broadway with the unit to the nearside of me so that the carrier acted as a shield. Missiles were still being thrown. We stayed in that position for a little while. Some arrests were made, but I'm sure of the circumstances but prisoners were placed on the carrier. I saw a carrier approaching from the West which drew up near to us. It had its emergency lights and horns operating and had a road cone caught under the front. I didn't see a second carrier. It stopped in the Broadway quite close to me on my nearside nearer to Beechcroft Avenue. Missiles were still being thrown. I saw an Asian man on the North-West side of Broadway and I recognised him as one of the men who had been throwing stones at us. Other members of my crew returned to the carrier. I pointed the man out to [REDACTED]. I then drove the carrier towards the North West corner of the junction where the man was. [REDACTED] got out of the carrier and arrested the man. Shortly afterwards the rest of the crew returned to the carrier. We then drove away from the scene. When the other carrier arrived, I'm not sure which unit it belonged to, I directed my attention to the offside of my carrier. Shortly after that other carrier arrived the disturbance ceased. I didn't see any other officers at that location apart from SPG Officers. I'm not sure but I think that when I reversed out of Northcote Avenue, uniform 19 did likewise and parked near us. All my attention was directed to the north side of the Broadway and I'm not sure that the carrier which came along the Broadway actually did stop, only that it went to my nearside. I was not aware of any

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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other carriers arriving on scene or any other reinforcements of any sort. The prisoners which had been put on my carrier were struggling and noisy. Uniform 19 left the scene at the same time as us. There were bricks, stones, bottles and glass all over the road and the scene looked like a battlefield. Shop windows had been smashed, I think it was about half-light when we left just after 8.0pm. I can't remember anyone using a truncheon and the only one I can remember with a truncheon was [REDACTED] who had been on Uniform 19 left with the same carrier. I didn't notice any white people in the crowd at all. Throughout the incident the crowd was very noisy - chanting. The age group seemed to be mainly 20-25, and many of them were wearing turbans. I didn't see any of my unit charge forward into Beachcroft Avenue. I think we left the scene within 5 minutes of the other carrier arriving at the scene. None of my crew had been injured as a result of the missile throwing. I didn't see any of the demonstrators hit by missiles thrown by demonstrators although this is quite possible with the amount of missiles thrown. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; 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

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]

Further to my statement of the 30th April, 1979; I have been asked by [redacted] if I can clarify one or two matters appertaining to what happened just prior to and after the other S.P.G. Unit Carrier arrived in the Broadway at the junction with Beachcroft. To my knowledge none of the 3 Unit officers, or carriers, went down Beachcroft Avenue prior to the arrival of the other unit carrier. When that carrier came along I can remember the cone stuck underneath it. It had it's lights on and the siren was going. To the best of my memory it stopped. I seem to recollect seeing it stop in the middle of the junction of the Broadway and Beachcroft Avenue. I cannot remember seeing any officers get out of that carrier or whether it went down Beachcroft. I did not see what happened to it. I only remember seeing that carrier, apart from our own at this junction.

[redacted]
Signed [redacted] Signature witnessed by [redacted]

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

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth)
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number: FULHAM POLICE STATION
HECKFIELD PLACE
S.W.6. 741-6411

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 25th day of APRIL, 1979.

Signed
Signature witnessed by

On Monday, 23rd April, 1979, I was employed as Inspector in charge of Serial 113 on Aid to 'X' District. The Serial consisted of myself, three Sergeants and twenty Constables. We arrived at Southall Town Hall at 12.10a.m. and parked the coach in the Conservative Party car-park. Myself and the Serial were deployed in front of the Town Hall in Uxbridge Road and Lady Margaret Road until relieved by a 'T' Division Serial. We later assisted at a call for assistance at Park View Road as a result of which one Sergeant and six P.C's made arrests and were separated from the Serial. I then returned with the remainder of the Serial to our coach at Southall Town Hall. We were then fed at Villiers Road School and returned to our coach. At 8.04p.m. we were still parked in the Conservative car-park when I heard a call from 'X' Ray Control for urgent assistance at Orchard Avenue. I realized that my Serial was only a short distance from the

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location and I accepted the call. As our (end of original page one) coach was a 40 foot vehicle I considered that we could walk to the call quicker than we could drive and I therefore detassled myself, one Sergeant and fourteen P.C.'s, leaving one P.S. as gaoler/security, with the vehicle. I entered HERBERT ROAD from UXBRIDGE ROAD and walked towards ORCHARD AVENUE. I saw a Transit carrier parked at HERBERT ROAD, JUNCTION WITH ORCHARD AVENUE facing WEST. I also saw a film crew of three persons being ushered NORTH in HERBERT ROAD by another Inspector, who was wearing a helmet, and other officers. One member of the film crew started to speak to me but was ushered away by the other Inspector. I saw some police officers run down an alley at the end of Herbert Road and then return almost immediately. I walked to the corner of HERBERT ROAD JUNCTION WITH ORCHARD AVENUE where I met [REDACTED] attached to Deptford Police Station who is known to me. There were no members of the public or demonstrators in the vicinity and I reported the result "All quiet" to 'X' Ray Control at 8.07P.M. I had a brief conversation with [REDACTED] and then as it appeared that we were not required I shouted "Serial 113 withdraw" and myself and the Serial started to walk back towards THE BROADWAY. As we did so I recall someone shouting, "1 unit back on the carrier". Myself and Serial then returned to our coach.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number One Unit, SPG
Barnes, T.N.

This statement,* consisting of 12 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 21st day of May, 1979

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have been posted to Special Patrol Group No 1 Unit for the past [REDACTED] years and we are currently based at Barnes Police Station.

On Monday 23rd April 1979 my unit was deployed to assist in policing a meeting to be held in Southall Town Hall. I commenced duty at Barnes about midday and travelled to Feltham by Carrier U12 for a meal. On completing my meal we received an urgent call to go to Southall where disorder was taking place or was about to take place. When we arrived there was no need for us to debus as all was quiet. I saw two PC's from our unit in the Broadway on the north side. They appeared to be soaking wet and bedraggled. I recall one was [REDACTED] but I can't recall the other. In the carrier was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was driving. We picked up [REDACTED] somewhere around this time. We moved on past the police station and parked up with our other two carriers in Park View Road. After some minutes we moved all three carriers into

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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the Uxbridge Road by turning left and parked in the centre of the road. There were a number of rowdy demonstrators on both corners of Park View and several 'Rastafarians' who appeared to come from a 'squat' in Park View were addressing them through portable megaphones. It sounded as if they were trying to stir up trouble. I left the bus alone and walked back to the police station to use the toilet and on returning to my carrier I noticed that several officers had debussed and were standing in front of the demonstrators on the corners of Park View. I could see a coloured man picking up a half-brick from the churchyard in Park View junction with Uxbridge Road. I could see several others already had bricks and just prior to this [REDACTED] put a call suggesting that more police be deployed at this spot. A short while later I was in the carrier I think all the officers of our carrier were present, when bricks and bottles started hitting the carrier. I assumed they were coming from the churchyard and grabbed a shield and debussed with all the others having received an order to do so. I took a shield and with [REDACTED] from another carrier and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] we moved towards the churchyard. We had 3 shields and [REDACTED] followed us. I was noticeable that the demonstrators were not running away once they had thrown a missile as they do normally. Because of lamp-posts and other obstructions we were unable to keep the shields together and I found I was partly separated from the group. I started to move along Park View on the east side. We were being pelted with rocks, bottles, flares and paint. I recall after leaving the carrier I realised that most missiles were in fact coming from the south side of the Broadway in front of the park. It was whilst I was in Park View that a bottle hit my shield and smashed, a piece of glass from it cut my right thumb. While in Park View several mounted officers arrived and started to clear

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

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the road. They were using their staves. One of them was dragged off his horse near me and I helped him up and protected him with my shield. He said he was alright so I left him and moved on. I started moving back towards Uxbridge Road and stood with an hysterical woman householder for a short while until she was taken in by a neighbour. I could see what appeared to be a large number of police around the 'square' in Park View and they appeared to be clearing it. I was not involved in that incident and I rejoined my unit who were returning to our carrier. There was still substantial disorder around the carriers especially when arrests were made. I remained in the vicinity keeping order but eventually it quietened down and we got back into the carrier. By this time my uniform had been badly damaged and covered in paint. I had lost my numerals and the shields were such that it was difficult to see through them. I visited the St John's Ambulance opposite the police station and had my thumb dressed. Whilst having it dressed we had the order to regroup and move. I rushed back to the carrier and we moved to the Broadway and parked behind a police cordon that was strung across the Broadway. I noticed there were police on the roof of some shops a little further west from where we were parked. On the other side of the cordon the road was blocked with demonstrators. A short while after we arrived, I saw a large civilian coach being driven through the demonstrators towards the cordon. This seemed to agitate the crowd who appeared in uproar. They were banging on the side of the coach with their fists. The cordon parted to allow it through and I could see several dents in the coach and the rear windows were smashed. I saw a flash as it came through the crowd which I heard was a petrol bomb but I did not see it. I remained in the carrier while this was going on. We were parked on the south side of Broadway facing west. On

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Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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our carrier at this time was [REDACTED] driving. I think I was sitting on the double seat behind the driver. [REDACTED] I think she was operating from the front passenger seat, [REDACTED] was I believe in the single seat by the door. [REDACTED] was there, [REDACTED] and I think possibly on other. We had not been there very long when we received another call for assistance. The driver reversed our carrier and turned in a side road on the south side, from the map it could have been Herbert Road. We drove back down Broadway turned right into a main road and made our way around until we got back into the main road which I now can see is the Broadway. We drove east along Broadway and as we approached the junction with Beechcroft Avenue I could see numerous officers on the junction, the road was strewn with rocks and debris and a lot of people were standing about. I got the impression that there had been disorder but it had stopped. We were following another SPG carrier at that point it may have been two carriers. I did not see where the other carrier went. Our carrier stopped at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and I took a shield and got out. I think we all got out at that point. [REDACTED] had a shield and [REDACTED] was behind us. I think [REDACTED] may have got out then. I believe I was last to get out as I had difficulty with the shield. Having left the carrier I could see there was a crowd of demonstrators at the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue causing trouble. I think I could see things being thrown and I assumed there must have been police present but I do not recall seeing any. On leaving the carrier I took a shield and joined up with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED] I did not see what happened to the carrier in front of us. I do not know what happened to my carrier after I got out. With [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] we moved into Beechcroft Avenue I did not see any police officers between us and the crowd causing

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

trouble at the other end of Beechcroft but I assumed there were some there. I started to run down Beechcroft Avenue in the centre of the road I think. I was exhausted and stopped running and began to walk when I was about halfway along Beechcroft Avenue. I think [REDACTED] ran on ahead and possibly the others as well for I recall being on my own when I turned left into Orchard Avenue. By the time I had reached this corner the trouble had passed, but I could see demonstrators running towards me from Herbert Road and they were running in between the houses on both sides of the road. Going back to when I turned the corner from Beechcroft Avenue into Orchard Avenue, I did not see any police officers in the area but could see some further along Orchard Avenue near the junction with Herbert Road. I did not see anyone injured in the vicinity of the junction with Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue. I did not see anyone sitting on the pavement outside No 62 Orchard Avenue. I could see a carrier facing Herbert Road near the junction with Herbert Road. There were numerous demonstrators running from Herbert Road. I cannot say if they were Asians. I started to walk towards the carrier on the North pavement. As I walked along I do not recall seeing any particular officer in Orchard Avenue but I do recall seeing police officers about half way along Orchard Avenue. I seem to remember seeing truncheons but no particular officers I can name. Because of this I think they could be Divisional officers, otherwise I think I would remember who they were. I think there were two or three carriers at the end of Orchard Avenue and the nearest one to me was ours, U12 with [REDACTED] at the wheel. I went up to it but as I was about to get on she started to reverse so I got on and put in the shield. I must have sat near the rear as I directed her back into an

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

opening on the north side and we turned round. I think there were one or two of my group already aboard but I cannot recall who. I did not have a truncheon or gloves with me for the entire day and at no time did I use one. Someone from our group joined us as we turned the carrier round but I cannot recall who. I believe that we had one officer with us who was not of our crew. We returned to the Broadway and I remained on duty until late that evening. I don't recall when I first heard that someone had been killed during the demonstration. I think it may have been on my radio or in a newspaper. It was not until the following day at Southall that I was made aware of where this had occurred or that my unit had been in that vicinity and that was after I had arrived there. I cannot recall anyone in particular telling me but by then it was general knowledge. I have been asked if I recall any ambulance in Orchard Avenue and I do recall that when I was assisting [REDACTED] to reverse our carrier as I have previously described, it was to allow an ambulance to pass coming from Herbert Road. I do not recall seeing the ambulance again in Orchard Avenue. I did have my truncheon and gloves prior to parading but I left them by mistake on my locker at Barnes. I have referred to [REDACTED] I should have given her married name which is [REDACTED]. I have been asked if I saw any officer using his truncheon in Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue. I did see officers with their truncheons out but I did not see any officer use it.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

of No. 1 Unit
Special Patrol Group
Barnes (TH)

by Detective Chief Insp.
[REDACTED]
Complaints Investigation
Branch
New Scotland Yard.

at Interview Room
9th Floor
New Scotland Yard

on Monday 25th June 1979.

Commencing 3.20 p.m.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Arising from your previous interview and from what other persons have said, there are a few points that I want to clarify. Can you please describe the position prior to receiving the call to assist 3 unit officers at Beechcroft Avenue.

A. I think we were in Uxbridge Rd. It could be the Broadway I was on U.12, I think it was. I think [REDACTED] was driving, it's a long time ago. [REDACTED] was on the vehicle. [REDACTED] was in charge. I think that's all. Can I see my previous statements, it's very difficult to

[REDACTED]

think back that time
(Copy of original statement produced
and read)

Q. Where were the carriers parked.

A. I think it was Uxbridge Rd.

Q. How were they parked, in
relation to each other.

A. I seem to think we were
facing west, as I ran a
civilian coach came through the
cordon.

Q. Were you parked beside each
other.

A. I honestly can't remember Sir, I
think we were.

Q. Do you remember [REDACTED]
at the scene.

A. No I dont.

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the van with other officers at that location.

A. I don't remember, but its possible we did, but I don't think so.

Q. Were you in the van when the call came.

A. I must have been.

Q. What happened next.

A. I think we reversed into a side turning, and went off up the road then, we had the blue light on.

Q. Where were the other vans.

A. I think there was one in front I'm not sure about the others, there could have been one behind.

Q. Well, do you remember if all three were parked together.

A. No I don't.

Q. Could you describe how you travelled.

A. As I said, I thought there was one vehicle in front of us we both had blue lights. I think the horns were used interminably, we were travelling quite fast.

Q. How close were you to the front carrier.

A. The distance would vary, sometimes 100 yards, 10 yards, depending on obstacles, ie parked vehicles, junctions.

Q. How close were you, in Broadway just before the location.

A. No idea, certainly not far behind.

Q. Could you have been travelling or driving abreast.

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A. No I don't think so. Again at this point it is hard hanging on at this speed. It is self preservation when you are swinging about.

Q. What happened next.

A. We stopped and we started leaping out. I had a shield. I think I joined up with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could have been there too. I'm not sure if [REDACTED] is there, its confusing. I think I was the last one out.

Q. Do you recall, as you were travelling to the scene, a loud noise from under the vehicle.

A. No.

Q. Why I ask is because witnesses, including police officers have described a parking cone, stuck under the front of the carrier

A. I remember a parking cone at a later incident with another vehicle which I think was by a canal not at that time.

Q. What can you recall about that.

A. Another carrier was turning round but it wasn't ours, and a cone was under the front, I'm not sure, I remember seeing it dragging.

Q. Whos van was that.

A. I think it was U.13, but again I'm not sure.

Q. You said you all got out of the van at the Beechcroft location, where did the van stop.

A. Somewhere at the junction. I don't know the area at all. (Referred to map). Somewhere at the junction with Broadway and Beechcroft Av.

Q. I think that it is possible that you are mistaken about the position the van stopped.

A. I remember starting off and walking down the middle of the road and going to the bottom and turning left into Orchard Avenue.

Q. What did you see down Beechcroft Av. when you started to go down.

A. There was people, demonstrators at the bottom, and things appeared to be being thrown, missiles.

Q. What else.

A. There was a melé down there.

Q. Did you see U.11.

A. No, as I said before, I walked down Beechcroft, as I was tired, after initially running. When I got to the junction of Orchard Avenue, there was no crowd there, and there

was missiles on the floor, bottles and bricks. When I turned to the left I could see the carriers in front of me and there were demonstrators running about. But they ran off between the houses.

Q. Who or what was at the J/W Herbert Av. when you got there.

A. I didn't get right to the end of Orchard Av. because there were U.12, I think was the back carrier and I think U.11 was in front. There seemed to be other carriers coming this way as the road seemed to be blocked this way. This stage I lost [REDACTED] who had gone that way, towards the dead end and I think [REDACTED] so ran on ahead of me. I have got a bit out of context here. When I ran down Beechcroft Av.

[REDACTED]

I had [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with me but when I slowed to a walk, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went ahead of me, [REDACTED] turned left and I think [REDACTED] to my right somewhere. When I did turn left and saw the carriers up ahead of me, there was demonstrators running back towards me, but they ran up the sides of the houses. I then got on U.12. I noticed that [REDACTED] was then driving.

- Q. What way did you go then.
- A. I started to see her back and assisted her to reverse.
- Q. Did you see a prisoner on board.
- A. Not on our carrier.
- Q. Did you see one, or more, or any of the carriers.
- A. I can't remember seeing any at all.

[REDACTED]

- Q. Going back, as I've said, I think you've made a mistake about where the van stopped.
- A. No Sir, I remember running and walking down there.
- Q. [REDACTED] who was driving your van, said that you stopped about 50 ft. down Beechcroft. [REDACTED] said you stopped about 20 - 25 yds. down Beechcroft several three unit officers who were at the junction of Beechcroft Av and the Broadway say that both vans came along the Broadway, went straight down Beechcroft Av. and stopped behind each other near the bottom. This is supported by many civilian witnesses who say the same thing. It is supported by [REDACTED] who was driving 11, who said that the second van drove down and stopped behind him and also, by [REDACTED] the driver of U.13
- [REDACTED]

who said he was following U.11 and 12 saw them turn right into Beechcroft Av. He was stopped at the south of Beechcroft by a P.C. when he saw the back end of 11 and 12 travelling down Beechcroft. Does this assist you to recall the events.

A. My impression is, we stopped in that junction and my impression is I ran and walked the whole length of Beechcroft Av.

Q. The evidence points to the fact that you stopped at the bottom of Beechcroft Av. and that you have made a mistake. There is nothing wrong in making a mistake and this is quite understandable. Is this the case.

A. No, my impression is that I ran the length of Beechcroft Av.



(Read extracts from various witnesses statements describing movements of vans).

Q. Does that in any way assist you in your recollection. Do you not feel that you could have made a mistake.

A. No, my impression is that that is the junction we stopped at and I got out.

Q. Another factor is that you cannot account for your van being in front of you at Herbert Road. Can you explain this.

A. I can only assume it drove off into Beechcroft Av. when I got out the side door but I don't remember it going.

Concluded 5 pm. Read over by [REDACTED] and 13 pages, each signed by him.

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

Statement of _____

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness _____

Address and Telephone Number attached to Heathrow Airport

..... 'ID'

This statement,* consisting of 7 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 _____

Signature witnessed by _____

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty at Heathrow Police Station and at approximately 7.15pm I received a telephone call from A.S. Department, New Scotland Yard requesting us to 'turn out' as many police officers as possible and to attend Ealing Police Station. We gathered about 50 PC's from Heathrow, Staines, West Drayton Police Stations and Thorn Cliff Section House and transported them to Ealing Police Station in landrovers and vans from the Airport District. I accompanied the officers to Ealing Police Station where another 200 officers from different divisions had also gathered. Some time during the evening I was sent to Southall Police Station with six serials from different Divisions and I was informed by 'X-ray' control _____ that I was to stand by on reserve. Sometime later that evening after my arrival at Southall I am not sure of the time, but I think the Senior Officers' de-briefing was in progress, I was sent with four CID officers and half a serial

Signed _____ Signature witnessed by _____

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of uniformed constables in a land rover by _____ attached to A.S. Department, to an address in Orchard Avenue. The CID Officer had requested a uniform police presence whilst they visited the address to make enquiries respecting a serious assault. I cannot remember details of the CID officers except that one of them was a Detective Sergeant and I believe they were all attached to Southall Police Station. I cannot recall the time we arrived at the road Orchard Avenue; we stopped by the alleyway at the side of Number 71. The four CID officers, myself and one uniformed PC who remained at the gate went to the premises, No 71. The PC who remained at the gate was _____. The Detective Sergeant knocked on the door. The curtains were opened downstairs living room, that is to the right of the front door. Two Asian faces appeared at the window a few seconds later, one of them came to the front door and opened it. This gentleman stated he was the occupier of the house, he was aged about 40 years about 5' 8" / 5' 9", stout build with black greasy hair and pyjamas. He was an Asian. Another Asian appeared at the door behind him. He was younger than the occupier. He never took part in any subsequent conversation. My impression was that he was a member of the family probably a son. The Detective Sergeant spoke to the occupier, the elder of the two men and asked him if he had telephoned for an ambulance from that address earlier on in the evening. He said, 'No', he hadn't telephoned for an ambulance. The Detective Sergeant then asked him if anybody had telephoned for an ambulance from that address, and he said 'Yes', a Sikh had done so. The Detective Sergeant asked if he was in the house and the occupier said that he wasn't. He was then asked as far as I recall to tell

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us what had happened and he stated that the injured man had collapsed in his doorway earlier that day. I think this man was asked if he had seen the original incident whereby the man received his injuries. He replied that he hadn't. He was asked if anyone else had seen the incident, and he stated that his wife had seen it. He was asked to produce his wife to the doorway so that she could be questioned, but he stated that she was inside and couldn't speak any English and that he wasn't going to get her. I didn't hear all the conversation that took place between the CID officer and the occupier but he was asked to produce the sikh who had telephoned for an ambulance but again he refused. He was asked if there was anything else he could tell us about the incident and he stated that he wasn't going to answer any more questions unless his solicitor was present. I remember that when the occupier stated that his wife couldn't speak English he looked round at the younger man who nodded in agreement. He was asked why he was adopting this attitude if he didn't know the injured man and all that had happened was that an ambulance had been called from his address. I cannot remember his exact reply but he indicated that he wasn't going to answer any questions. I also gathered from his remarks that he was expecting police to call at his address, and when questioned about this he stated that two white men had accompanied the injured man to hospital in the ambulance and that they had returned to his address after attending hospital and informed him that police would be calling at his address to ask questions concerning the incident. He was asked whether he knew the identity of the two men and I can't remember if he said he did know, them but wouldn't give their particulars, or that he didn't know them. I seem to recall that the occupier stated that he

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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had never seen the injured man before, and did not know him. It was obvious to me that there was other occupants in the house, downstairs because I can remember seeing a head appearing in the hallway. I cannot recall if that person was white or coloured. I cannot recall any conversation coming from the downstairs room. The Detective Sergeant had a further conversation with the occupier of the house, which I didn't hear and I left the footpath and returned to the land rover. We all left the location at the same time and returned to Southall police station. Before going to the address I can remember being informed by the CID that the address we were going to visit maybe a house used by the Anti-Nazi League.

this statement taken in the presence of Detective Chief Inspector

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[Redacted]

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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(C.J. Act 1987, 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..... Paddington Green Police Station
 725 4136

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 10th day of May . 19 79
 Signed.....
 Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was employed as officer in charge of Serial 30 on operation order 100/79 for duty in connection with a National Front meeting at Southall. I arrived with my serial on the ground assigned Southall Broadway junction with Herbert Road at 4 pm. Our task was to strengthen a cordon that had been across the Broadway and had been under some stress. The cordon was held for about 2 hours. During this time a number of missiles (mainly bricks and stones) were thrown at the cordon from behind the crowd of about 500 people who were in front of us. The attacks were sporadic and in between cordial, if somewhat uneasy relations, were maintained with the chanting mob. About 6 pm determined attempts were made to break through the cordon. The demonstrators linked arms and made several attempts to charge the police line. Each attempt was resisted. During this

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time three of my serial of 19 P.C.'s were injured. [REDACTED] was assaulted by a demonstrator who had a metal chain wrapped around his hand. The other two were respectively bitten and kicked in the stomach. Arrests were secured for all these assaults. My serial was then depleted by 6 officers (5 at charging centres and 1 in hospital). The demonstrators seemed to realise that they were not going to break through the line. They adopted a new tactic. About 6.45 pm the window of the Co-op (I believe at 40 or 42 The Broadway) was broken and demonstrators entered the premises. This necessitated moving the cordon west along The Broadway to protect the premises. The cordon was then held at The Broadway junction with St. George's Avenue. The window of Safeways Supermarket further west was then smashed and we moved up to protect this property also. At some stage, I am afraid I am not sure of the time sequence, another serial (I believe a 'C' District serial) had been placed about 100 yards or so west of our cordon to prevent the demonstrators further away from us from throwing missiles with anonymity and impunity. Unfortunately, a further group of demonstrators had assembled beyond this second (or 'C' District) cordon and they were in a vulnerable position as the 'meat in the sandwich'. The 'C' District cordon was removed I believe on the instructions of [REDACTED]. There was a hired Police coach (owned by Empress Motors Bethnal Green) parked in The Broadway west of Northcote Avenue. About 7.30 pm (again I cannot be sure of the time sequence) a petrol bomb exploded near this coach and

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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the driver was forced to drive towards our cordon. The coach was allowed through. I think at this time many of the demonstrators were in a passive phase - every tactic of theirs so far having been futile - and they sat in the roadway. About 5 or 10 minutes after this incident I heard the sound of breaking glass further west along The Broadway. The sound of breaking glass became continuous and it was obvious that the people furthest away had launched a destructive excursion. The sound attracted most of the demonstrators in front of our cordon and they ran to join in the destruction or at least to observe it. Two or three S.P.G. carriers arrived at the junction of the Broadway, Northcote Avenue and Beechcroft Avenue. One at least emerged from Northcote Avenue. The other or others I think must also have emerged from either Northcote Avenue or Beechcroft Avenue, but this is conjecture and not recollection. We gradually moved on the remaining few demonstrators in front of us. I left ten of my serial to cordon Northcote Avenue and the remaining 6 (six) were sent to Abbots Road to guard a large quantity of bricks outside premises about 10 yards south of the Broadway. Shortly before 10 pm my serial was relieved for snacks. The serial did not return to the Broadway before dismissal. At no time did I or any of my serial enter Northcote Avenue. The only officers to leave the Broadway were the ones referred to above, i.e., with prisoners or to guard the bricks. I completed the A.8 form 3166 which I now produce as exhibit [REDACTED].

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Fulham Police Station
Heckfield Place,
S.W.6.

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Dated the 8th day of June 1979

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

I am a Police Instructor attached to the CONTINUATION TRAINING CENTRE at FULHAM POLICE STATION. There are three instructor at this centre including myself who deal also with FIELD TRAINING [redacted] and [redacted] Since the 23rd April, 1979 I have conducted six Field Training sessions with divisional officers where Public order was one of the subjects under discussion. There were two morning sessions during the weeks commencing 7th May, 1979 to the 21st May, 1979. I also took four sessions from the 29th May, 1979 to the 1st June, 1979 each morning I cannot be specific as to the dates due to the fact that we keep no records of which officer takes which session or subject. During one of these sessions in which the subject of Public Order and all its practicalities was under discussion. The topics covered ranged from the Notting Hill Carnivals and on to the Southall

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trouble. During one of these discussions where the Southall incidents were under discussion a divisional officer stated that he was there. I took this to mean that he was in the area where the incidents took place. On FRIDAY 1st JUNE, 1979 the NUMBER ONE SPECIAL PATROL GROUP unit attended this centre for the field training programme. This is the only UNIT to attend this centre. During the session on Public Order in the morning the subject of Southall was being discussed and I mentioned that other officers had in fact been there and that I agreed the situation had been unpleasant. There was an immediate reaction to this statement. One officer asked me if they had told the investigation branch. Another asked me if he said he was there, to which I replied that I thought so. Another stated that he was told that Special Patrol Group were the only unit there. The incident was not discussed again as other aspects of Public Order were discussed. I must make clear that the man did not specifically state that he was actually at the scene of the incident when BLAIR PEACH was alleged to have been killed. I believe that I have given to the officers of the Special Patrol Group that this is the case, which is not correct. I do not to my knowledge know [REDACTED] other than possibly during my service on Police duty. I do not believe that I would know him if I saw him. I have no idea as to who the Officer was who made this statement concerning his presence there, it occurred during a group discussion at one of the sessions.

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.....
Address and Telephone Number.....
Fulham Police Station
6 Heckfield Place,
Fulham S.W.6 01-741 6148

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 14th day of June, 1979

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

I am the Inspector in charge of the continuation training centre based at Fulham Police Station. During the months of April and May, 1979 I took the field training classes at this centre, apart from two or three days when the classes were taken by [redacted]. One of the subjects dealt with each day was 'Public Order', which was a discussion based lesson. After 25th April, 1979 the day of the disorder at Southall the subject of that demonstration and the death of Blair Peach naturally arose. At no time was it suggested to me, by any member of the classes, that they had witnessed or had been present in the street where the alleged Blair Peach incident took place. Nor did I suggest to any of the classes that such was the case.

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Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Fulham Police Station
 Heckfield Place.
 S.W.6

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Dated the 8th day of June, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

I am employed as an instructor at the FULHAM TRAINING CENTRE engaged in periods with the current FIELD TRAINING PROGRAMME. This includes a lesson on PUBLIC ORDER. At no time have I dealt with this lesson since the occasion of the SOUTHALL Demonstration. On FRIDAY the 1st of JUNE 1979 at 2pm I instructed the no. 1 UNIT SPG from BARNES on the subjects of POLICE ACCIDENTS, CENTRAL TRAFFIC CONTROL and VEHICLE DOCUMENTS. At no time during the afternoon did the subject of SOUTHALL arise. [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 [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Complaints Investigation Bureau,
New Scotl and Yard

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Dated the 24th day of APRIL, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Tuesday 24th April, 1979 at 1.45 p.m. in company with [REDACTED] of Number Three Unit of the Special Patrol Group, I went to a piece of waste ground behind Southall Service Station, The Broadway, junction with Beresford Road, Southall. Behind the office of the Service Station [REDACTED] showed me two red milk crates containing empty milk bottles, broken bricks, an empty can and a whiskey bottle. I conveyed these crates to Southall Police Station. I produce these crates and their contents as Exhibit CJB/1.

Signed [REDACTED] v/s Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*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) Over 21, [redacted]

Occupation of Witness [redacted]

Address and Telephone Number Kensington Police Station,

72, Earls Court Road,

London, W8. (741-6132)

This statement,* consisting of 1 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, 19 79

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by [redacted]

On Tuesday 24th April, 1979, at about 10.30 a.m., I went to Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Road, Southall, Middlesex. I was employed in searching the front gardens of several homes. At No. 15 Beachcroft Avenue, I found three bricks in the front garden, which I produce as Exhibits SD/1, SD/2, SD/3. In the front garden, situated within the hedgegrow, I found a brick, Exhibit SD/4 which I produce. This was found in the front garden of 59 Orchard Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. Between the homes of no. 71 and 73 Orchard Avenue, Southall, Middlesex, I found in the alleyway two pieces of wood, and one shoe (left) which I produce as Exhibits SD/5 and SD/6.

Signed [redacted]

Signature witnessed by [redacted]

*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1987, 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 Chelsea Police Station

2, Lucan Place, S.W. 3.

741 6593

This statement,* consisting of 1 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 TUESDAY 24th April, 1979 at 10.15 a.m. I was employed in searching the front gardens of ORCHARD AVENUE, SOUTHWALL. In the front garden of number 85 I found a piece of piping (exhibit GT/1); in the front garden of number 50 I found a piece of onyx (exhibit GT/2); at number 30 I found a poster (exhibit GT/3); and at number 28 I found a piece of wood (exhibit GT/4). These were handed to D/S [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

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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 Surbiton Police Station,
Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

This statement,* consisting of 1 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 19 79

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

Today, 24th APRIL, 1979, at about 10.30 a.m. I searched the front garden of No 2, Beachcroft Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. In the front North East corner of the front garden, I found an iron bar on the ground just inside the privet hedge. This iron bar is Exhibit IM/1. I then examined the hedge from outside the front garden and found a butcher's cleaver (Made in France) Exhibit IM/2. This cleaver was black handled and the metal was very new in appearance, looking like chrome plating. The blade was rough edged and broken as if from use on a hard surface. This cleaver was tucked into the privet hedge just out of sight from the footway, in the North East corner of the front garden of No 2, Beachcroft Avenue. I handled both these exhibits to [REDACTED] at Southall Police Station.

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

*Delete as applicable.

P2075 Interview of [REDACTED]

3 unit S.P.C. (JS)

by [REDACTED]

CIB (2)

Present [REDACTED]

at

Southall Police Station

on

Tuesday 24th April 1979

commenced

7.0pm

terminated

7.35 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 [REDACTED]

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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. 3 unit [REDACTED]

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. Can I look at a map? [REDACTED]
(Shown map)

A. Yes I was there

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes I did [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have^a protective shield?

A. Yes

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not initially no. But I did after being out for few seconds.

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No I didn't [REDACTED]

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

A. No I don't remember anyone ordering me to . I just took it out when I saw a lot of bricks coming towards me. [REDACTED]

Q. Where the bricks coming from?

A. They were coming from demonstrators who were on the opposite side of the road from where we stopped. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. The whole atmosphere was very tense. I was with [redacted] boarding an alleyway which was thought to be a source of ammunition for the demonstrators. I saw a petrol bomb thrown at a coach hired by the job and we decided that as there were no other Police officers near us, it was time to get back into the carrier because things were getting dangerous. We walked away from the alleyway in the general direction of the carriers. We found our carrier and got on board. We drove up the road and we were stoned. We turned round and were stoned on the way back. We then stopped at the junction of Northcote Avenue to break up the demonstrators throwing the stones.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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

A. We stopped on the North side. We formed up, there must have been about ten of us. We were being stoned from the opposite side of the road. So we advanced towards them. [REDACTED]

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

A. It wasn't as straightforward as that. There was a melee. One of our blokes got a brick in the jaw and was injured. We started to advance down the Broadway. The bulk of them ran off down Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. A number of us with shields started to follow them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. We started to walk down towards them. They were throwing various things at us, bricks, bottles. Another carrier perhaps two came from behind us. We opened up and let him through. The carrier had its emergency horns, lights on and the demonstrators began to sprint down the road and some of them fell over. They picked themselves up and carried on running. The carrier stopped halfway down the road and the crew got out. We all ran down to Orchard Avenue and the demonstrators broke up. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Whereabouts ? [REDACTED]

DCS When you got to Orchard Avenue.

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. At this particular time ? [REDACTED]

DGS Yes

A. To be quite honest there was a melee there. I believe prisoners were taken but I can't say for what or by whom. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any Police officer use his truncheon ?

A. No I didn't. I've no doubt that truncheons were used but I can't put my finger on any PC as having hit someone. [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. I can't think of anything else no.
That is how I saw it, [REDACTED]

Q. When you arrived at that Junction did you see a man with a grey tuffle coat in grey or blue cords, brown boots and a beard in the vicinity of the junction?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see anyone of a similar description stagger into a house opposite Beechcroft Avenue in Orchard Avenue?

A. I can't think of anybody who fits that description at all. [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. 





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

A. Honestly I couldn't say. It was chaos there. You're looking out for bricks and number one. I can say that my partner [REDACTED] was there. My [REDACTED] was there. There were other other members of [REDACTED] unit there, but I can't say what anybody's position in relation to me was. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By [REDACTED] W.I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April, 1979
commenced at 5.28 p.m.
finished at 5.30 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 Paraded at JS at 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes by [REDACTED] [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 but I didn't hit anyone
with 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. It's in my locker at JS. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. It's the only one I've got. [REDACTED]

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

Trunchees 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 [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Attached to Special Patrol Group

No. 3 Unit based at Leytonstone

Police Station.

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Dated the 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group for the last [REDACTED] years, No. 3 Unit based at Leytonstone Police Station. On Monday 23rd April, 1979 No. 3 unit comprising of about thirty officers and three carriers under the control of [REDACTED] We paraded at Leytonstone Police Station at 12.30pm and went to M.O.D Feltham for our main meal. Our carrier call sign is 'Uniform 19'. We proceeded to Southall area. About 4.30pm our carrier found that BARRATTS shop window in the Broadway was smashed. [REDACTED] and I were detailed by [REDACTED] to protect the property and make sure any demonstrators didn't use the broken glass as ammunition. We stood in an alleyway a few yards from BARRATTS to stop people using the alleyway because it was thought that they were collecting ammunition from the car park down the alleyway. Whilst we stood there we chatted with the demonstrators, most of whom were quite pleasant at the time. We had been there about

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

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half an hour or so when the crowds along both pavements of the Broadway had swelled considerably. I looked to my left and saw a Police hired coach. My attention was drawn to this because I heard crashing noises. As it came down the road towards us, I realised the demonstrators on both footways were stoning it. I remember seeing an object hit the roof of the coach and bounce on to the opposite pavement to me and burst into flame. I realised this was a petrol bomb. The coach carried on towards us, passed us, I noticed the back windows were smashed. It had to slow because of the crowd and those on either side of it were hitting it and kicking it. I was only aware of seeing the driver in it. It went through the cordon. The crowd seemed to be more hostile. I saw a senior Officer on the roof of a shop on the opposite side of the road indicating for us to go into the crowd and arrest someone. I hadn't seen anything and didn't know what he really wanted. By now the carrier had moved off. We were now frightened and decided to leave the alleyway and we slowly walked through the crowd who had been throwing stones. The crowd was mainly Asian, a few whites. We walked towards the junction of Beechcroft Avenue along the south footway. I remember seeing my carrier coming towards us. It picked us up and the carrier was then stoned by the crowd. We turned and back westwards along Uxbridge Road. We turned again and coming back towards the junction of Beechcroft Avenue. There was a crowd of about one hundred and fifty in the junction. Another carrier was alongside us as we approached the junction. I remember [redacted] saying draw the shields. I cannot remember his saying anything about

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

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truncheons but we all took them out. We stopped in the mouth of Northcote Avenue. Both carriers were together. There was three shields on our carrier. I didn't have a shield at that stage. I remember lining up with another P.C. behind [REDACTED] and someone else with a shield. [REDACTED] wanted to arrest someone. We went into the crowd towards no. 89 at the carrier of Beechcroft Avenue and [REDACTED] arrested a man. I took over the shield from [REDACTED]. At the same time other P.C.'s with shields were trying to form a line because missiles were still being thrown from the crowd who were mainly down Beechcroft Avenue but a few in front of no. 91 and 93, The Broadway. I remember seeing P.C.'s hiding behind the doors of the carrier to protect themselves and some shouting that [REDACTED] had been hit. I assume that he was one of those behind the doors being assisted into the carrier. We put the prisoner onto another carrier. I don't know which one it was. I then realised [REDACTED] was on another carrier. We then formed up across the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue. I was in the second line of P.C.'s. There were about eight in front of me. I remember an S.P.G. Carrier with it's headlights on coming fast along the Broadway towards us. I remember someone indicating it to turn into Beechcroft Avenue. I was aware of a plastic bollard under it's front offside wing. It cut the corner and our line broke to let it through. It put on it's two tone horn. A second carrier came from behind us and passed me as I was running down Beechcroft Avenue behind the first carrier which stopped some yards North of the junction

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

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with Orchard Avenue. I cannot be sure where the second carrier stopped. I don't know which unit carriers they belonged to but as soon as they stopped Officers got out of both carriers. I was aware of them running in both directions along Orchard Avenue behind demonstrators. The Officer from the first carrier had got before the Officers on foot from my unit had reached the junction with Orchard Avenue. I recall an Asian man running and falling in the centre of Beechcroft Avenue some yards north of Orchard Avenue and a Police Officer with a shield falling over him. I cannot say exactly where in Beechcroft Avenue this happened but certainly north of Orchard Avenue. I was running after demonstrators who turned right into Orchard Avenue. I was some way behind them and they were disappearing into alleyways and gardens I gave up trying to catch one of them. I walked back to Beechcroft Avenue and was surprised to see so few people in Orchard Avenue at that time. They all seemed to have dispersed. I have been asked by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] if I saw an injured man at the junction with Orchard and Beechcroft Avenue, and I was not aware of anyone there although I must have been very close to anyone at that junction. Officers were coming from both directions along Orchard Avenue into Beechcroft Avenue. So far as I can remember the carriers were still in the road. I returned to my carrier which was still at the junction of Northcote and the Broadway. I think we took the prisoners to the Police Station we had at least two. I heard someone say one was the one who had hit [REDACTED] I don't recall seeing any actual arrests. I have been asked by [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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_____ what the officers who got out of the carriers at the junction of Orchard and Beechcroft were carrying. I think they were carrying truncheons. I don't remember if they were carrying shields. I did not use my truncheon to hit anyone nor did I see any other Officer strike anyone with his truncheon. I have seen the pictures of BLAIR PEACH in the newspapers and do not remember seeing him at anytime.

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act. 1987, 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..... Attached to No 3 Unit Special
Patrol Group, Leytonstone.

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 19th day of June 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of 4th May 1979 I have been asked to expand on a few points. I have been asked who I know in No 1 Unit the only persons I know are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I have served on the Special Patrol Group for about [REDACTED] My first partner was [REDACTED] who was Annual Leave on 23rd April 1979, and then [REDACTED] for about the last 6 months. I have previously described how we parked in Northcote Avenue and come under attack from demonstrators. I previously stated that I was in a shield line with [REDACTED] and that I took his shield from him when he arrested an Asian demonstrator. I have been told that [REDACTED] says that he took the shield from [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] confirms this. It is still my recollection that I took the shield from [REDACTED] however it is likely that I made a mistake and that I took one from the van when I helped [REDACTED] back to it with his prisoner. After this I definitely had a shield and joined

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

*Delete as applicable.

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the other officers of the Unit at the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue. As I recall it, there was like two rows of shields, one just in the entrance of Beechcroft Avenue and the one I was in just behind it, level with the pavement. I can't recall where exactly people were in the shield lines but I believe that on my side was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and somewhere near me I believe [REDACTED]

As I've previously said the 1 Unit van with the cone under it came along the Broadway and turned right into Beechcroft Avenue. I believe somebody shouted to the front line of shields to watch out and they parted, that is about three blokes moved to either side and the van went through. As the van came round the corner over the edge of the pavement, it literally slowed to a halt whilst someone, it might have been [REDACTED] shouted some instructions. It then drove off down Beechcroft Avenue at a fast speed. The next thing I recall is the second van coming through and driving straight down to where the first van was now parked. I was stopped as I recall it about 15 feet or so from the junction of Orchard Avenue and I could see the doors open. I have been asked if the back doors were open, I cannot recall. The second van was stopped, I believe, behind and just to the right. I can't recall anything else about it. I should explain that the first van attracted my attention because it had nearly run us over and it had the cone under it, but the second van there was nothing unusual about it, it didn't stop it just blended in. I didn't see a third van. After the second van went down the street, myself and about six others mostly with shields, went down Beechcroft Avenue. I think [REDACTED] was a short distance in front of us. I forgot to mention that the gap between the two vans arriving was about 5 or 6 seconds. I

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of.....

believe I ran down the right side of Beechcroft Avenue although not with any great urgency, basically because I had no target to arrest and it appeared that most of the demonstrators had run off as the carriers went down the road. As I went down the road there were a few people milling about, I can't recall anybody in particular. When I got to the junction both of the vans were still present. I turned to the right and stopped a few yards down Orchard Avenue. There was one or two people milling about but nobody who was a threat I noticed Asians and I believe saw white people in the garden of the houses in Orchard Avenue, mainly those houses opposite Beechcroft Avenue. I turned round and looked the other way and saw PC's about 30 yards down Orchard Avenue, some were walking back towards me. I then turned and walked back up Beechcroft Avenue. I can recall that there was definitely one van still there but I can't recall if there were two. I was still near the corner when I saw a person on the ground possibly in a sitting position, towards the centre of the road in the vicinity of the vans. I believe it was an Asian male person but couldn't be sure. As he was getting up I saw an officer running with a shield in his hand, he appeared to accidentally collide with the person on the ground. It appeared that he had not seen him. The officer fell over, I don't recall who he was. I've been asked if it was [redacted] didn't think it was, but I suppose it could have been. The PC got up and walked on down the road, I think and the person got up and staggered across the road to the west pavement. I then walked back up Beechcroft Avenue to my carrier. I have been asked if the incident I have just described concerning the PC falling over the Asian could have happened when I came down the road, I realize I said this in my first statement, it may be so, but I am not sure.

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Signature witnessed by.....

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(C.J. Act, 1957, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

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I have been asked if I can recall an ambulance arriving to take
[REDACTED] to hospital - I can't. [REDACTED]

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Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236, Southall Police Station

on: 24th April 1979 8.17 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?'

1.

Yes Sir [REDACTED]

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2.

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 spg attached to Leytonstone [REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Inspector [REDACTED] and my sergeant was [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 [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes I did [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. I was carrying a shield yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No [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. I didn't hear anybody give an order [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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6.

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

A There were a lot of missiles being thrown at the time. There was an atmosphere of tenseness.

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

A. yes I did [REDACTED]

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

A. No not at that particular time. I was with [REDACTED] a PC and [REDACTED] was there. I came out into the Broadway itself. There was groups of demonstrators all around us. I assisted [REDACTED] with a prisoner and took him to the carrier. [REDACTED] as also with us, I returned to the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue and after walking a short way down the road I returned to the Broadway where there were still a number of demonstrators. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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B.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked 



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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. There was quite a large number of them throwing stones and missiles directly at police or Police vehicles. I did not see any violence used by Police. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. None 



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12.

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]

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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 there but returned with me to Broadway. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By [REDACTED]
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April, 1979
commenced at 5.49 p.m.
finished at 5.50 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

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

A. Leytonstone at 12.30 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 I did. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. [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.

[REDACTED]

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

METROPOLITAN POLICE

On MONDAY I was on duty in uniform with other members of the Special Patrol Group. I am a member of 3 Unit SPG based at Leytonstone Police Station. I was posted to Uniform 21 and my Sergeant was [REDACTED]. I paraded for duty at 12.30pm and went to the M.O.D. at Feltham for a main meal we arrived there at about 2.45pm. The whole unit had main meal and after we had finished we returned to the carriers. We were directed on the radio to go to the park in Southall which is situated some 300 yards east of the police station. As we were leaving the M.O.D. at Southall a series of urgent assistance shouts were being put out over the air X-Ray control was directing various units to attend. On arrival at the park we parked and awaited instructions. The carriers had not been at the situation very long when further assistance shouts came over the radio for units to go to the Broadway Southall. 3 Unit went to this shout and on arrival we found gathered a large number of Asian youths throwing missiles and generally behaving in a riotous manner. The crowd was dispersed and a number of arrests were made, sometime during the early part of the afternoon BARRATS Shoe Shop had it's window broken and also looting took place U.19 was placed O/S the shop to prevent further looting. We were then placed in the Broadway near the junction with Alexander Avenue? A shield serial from C District joined us sometime later, they came apparently from behind a Police Cordon which was near the junction with Lady Margaret Road. I also noticed that Police officers were on the roofs of some buildings in the Broadway. Also during the latter part of the afternoon a serial from 'M' District also came to support us. The Inspector in charge of the C District Serial instructed his men to cordon of the road near the junction with

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Alexander Avenue. The situation was that there was a police cordon near the junction with Lady Margaret's Road, and a Police cordon at Alexander Avenue. There was a very large number of Asians between these cordons, there were also a large number of people behind the cordon at Alexander Avenue. During the afternoon missiles were being thrown at the police cordon at Lady Margaret's Road. Demonstrators were climbing on the ATS and the safety barriers. During one particular onslaught [REDACTED] took 3 unit into the crowd and made the demonstrators get off the ATS and the safety barriers and clear the crowd from the roadway to the pavement. [REDACTED] went over to a Senior Police Officer and apparently had a conversation with him. He then came back and told us to go back to the carriers which we did. Meanwhile the crowd returned to where it had been before. People who were behind the cordon at Alexander Avenue although cordoned off were not prevented from joining the rest of the demonstrators at Lady Margaret Road. Infact they were given every assistance to demonstrate. During the afternoon a noticable build up of demonstrators was taking place I noticed a fairly tall man of Indian appearance wearing a Turban who was standing on the corner near Alexander Avenue. He seemed to create a lot off attention and people were crossing the road to hear what he was talking about. Although I could not hear what he was saying. A person who was in this group started for no reason to throw stones at the police cordon. He threw one stone and was encouraging other people to do the same [REDACTED] and other police officers including myself got out of the carrier and went over towards him.

[REDACTED]

he threw another stone towards police which landed just beyond our carrier. [REDACTED] then grabbed hold of him with other police officers and he was brought to the carrier and later taken to be charged by [REDACTED]. We then stayed in the Broadway with the cordon. The 'C' District Inspector gave an instruction that demonstrators could go beyond our cordon towards Lady Margaret Road but would not be allowed to come back behind us. The crowd was very large. As dusk was drawing in and the light was fading we were instructed to patrol in our carriers together up the Broadway travelling west. As soon as we did this a number of missiles were thrown at the carriers by the Asians. Some of them being identified. The carriers turned round and came down the Broadway and was met by a further hail of missiles some of them landing on the roof. The carrier turned into Northcote Avenue U.21 was the last carrier to turn. As we turned into Northcote Ave I noticed a wall had fallen down and bricks were lying on the footway, near the carrier was parked a car I think it was a Toyota, which had it's rear window broken. It was then that received a further barrage of missiles I had to hide behind the passenger door which was open to protect myself. There were other police officers with me [REDACTED] was inside the carrier and he was passing out shields. The whole time there was a constant barrage of stones and other missiles being directed at police I must admit I become frightened the missiles were coming at us continuously

[REDACTED]

I got hold of a shield as did [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there were also other officers with shields; we advanced into the Braodway. There was a continuous barrage of missiles being thrown at police the missiles were coming from all directions. As police officers moved away from the carriers the stones were being directed at them it was a direct confrontation between police and Asian demonstrators which was completely unprovoked. I noticed that some police officers had drawn there sticks. But as I was carrying a shield I did not draw my stick as it is very difficult to carry both I advanced with [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] was with us I also noticed, [REDACTED] who was also carrying a shield. We advanced down the Broadway Eastwards and as we got closer to a bunch of demonstrators [REDACTED] [REDACTED] gave his shield to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went and arrested an Asian youth who had been throwing missiles. The other started to run away. I with other officers assisted [REDACTED] with his prisoner and he was taken and put on a carrier that was nearby. The missiles were still being thrown at police. I then moved towards Beechcroft Av. I was moving quite quickly and as I entered the junction I was forced to stop and move out of the way because a carrier was turning into Beechcroft at a fast pace, the carrier had a traffic

[REDACTED]

cone trapped underneath the front and was making quite a noise. Some demonstrators had run down Beechcroft chased by police officers before the carrier had arrived. Some Police Officers had stayed at the top of Beechcroft because they were also hampered by the carrier. I started to walk down Beechcroft but I only walked about half way down the road and by now I could not see any demonstrators in the road so I decided to return to the Broadway. I then met up with [REDACTED] and went with him back to the Broadway. Here we met [REDACTED]. Some missiles were being thrown but not quite so many. I remember [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] going up to a demonstrator and speaking to him but I did not hear what they said. We were still carrying shields. We walked about seventy to eighty yards up the Broadway (westwards). I soon realised that we seemed to be the only police officers in the immediate vicinity and I made a comment that we should go back to the others as we were out on a limb and putting ourselves at risk. As some missiles were still being thrown by the retreating demonstrators. We then walked backwards away from the demonstrators and got back almost to the junction with Alexander Avenue where we met the carrier. I put my shield on the carrier and got into it. I don't know what the time was because I had taken my watch off much earlier on during the day

[REDACTED]

two of our carriers which also had prisoners on board then moved westwards along the Broadway. U.19 was in front of our carrier (U.21) they stopped near a junction I don't which one and [REDACTED] got out with someone else and picked up two crates which contained various bottles and a quantity of bricks and large stones. These were placed one on each carrier and taken further up the Broadway. These were placed on the instructions of [REDACTED] behind a wall at a garage on the left hand side of the Broadway. I was sitting in the front of the carrier and [REDACTED] was driving. Whilst we were stationary at the garage all P.C.'s with prisoners were put on U.21 there was [REDACTED] and about 5/6 prisoners and [REDACTED]. We then received instructions on our radio to take the prisoners to EALING POLICE STATION which we did, any other surplus Police Officers went on U.19.

[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 3 Unit SPG

Leytonstone Police Station

556 8855

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]

I have a total of [redacted] years police service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group in [redacted]. On Monday 23rd April 1979, I paraded at 12.30pm at Leytonstone for duty at Southall. I was assigned to my usual carrier U21. The other officers on this carrier were [redacted] (Driver), [redacted] and [redacted]. We went at first to MOD Feltham and arrived at about 2.30pm. After we had a meal we got a call over the radio for assistance at the Broadway. On arrival stones were being thrown by a crowd of Asians. They started to run away as soon as we arrived. We drove up the Broadway and a couple of the lads made arrests. I think [redacted] made an arrest but I am not sure. No prisoners were placed on our carrier at this time. We, U19 - U20 and ourselves then went to Broadway, junction with Alexander Avenue and dismounted from the carrier. We stood in the Broadway and there were crowds. At this stage I would like to give you a copy of notes about the demonstration that I prepared myself. I wrote these the evening [redacted] spoke to

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]

[REDACTED] 3 Unit, SPG and I concluded them the following day. I wrote those at work and at home totally independent of any other officer and I have not discussed the contents with any other officer. I did this because I realised the importance of the enquiry and so that I could set the facts out in a correct and logical order. I produce these notes as Exhibit 1. This seemed to me to be a responsible and correct thing for me to do. This is the original copy and I have not made any copies of these notes. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can now refer specifically to the time just before Police chased the demonstrators down Beechcroft Avenue; the shield parties that were at the junction at that time were made up of officers from 3 Unit SPG. In my group were [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED]. I also seem to remember seeing [REDACTED] but I don't remember who the other officers were. I am certain that some police officers went into Beechcroft before the carrier turned right into Beechcroft but I don't think they could have got very far down Beechcroft when the carrier came along. I don't know which Unit the carrier was from, it wasn't one of 3 Unit's. I remember there was a traffic cone caught underneath the front of the carrier that was making a noise as it was being dragged along. I remember seeing the blue light flashing on the carrier but I cannot remember if the siren was going. Thinking about it now I don't think the siren was going. The police officers that were running down the road were running across the full width of the road and the pavements and the ones in the road had to get out of the way. I walked about halfway down Beechcroft carrying a shield. I did not have my truncheon out. There were some officers in front of me as I walked quickly down Beechcroft and others on the sides and behind me. I cannot remember who they were. I know when I got half way

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]

down the road I couldn't see any demonstrators in the road so I decided to return to the Broadway. I saw some police officers at the junction of Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue but I don't know who they were. I did not see any officers arresting anyone in Beechcroft or with any prisoners. I can't remember seeing the carrier in Beechcroft after it had driven down there. As I was going back up Beechcroft towards the Broadway I saw [REDACTED] coming towards me carrying a shield. I can't remember speaking to him. I think there were other Police by the junction with Broadway but I didn't take a lot of notice who they were. When we both got to the junction I saw [REDACTED] about 10 or 15 yards west of the junction walking around. I don't think I actually spoke to him. As we started to walk west along the Broadway I saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] speak to an Asian on the south footway. I don't know what they said to him. I can't remember much about the Asian except that he was in his early twenties. That's all I can say about those matters and I have covered everything I can think of in the notes, Exhibit [REDACTED] 1. During my service I have been on duty at a number of major demonstration and as far as I am concerned this was the violent and most frightening.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21")..... Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... 3 Unit S.P.G.

Leytonstone 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 21st day of June, 19 79

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of 4th May, 1979, I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can clarify one or two matters. I can only remember seeing one carrier go down Beachcroft Avenue and I described this in my previous statement. I have been asked if I can recall any officers disembarking from a carrier and joining our Unit on foot in the Broadway and running down Beachcroft with the shield parties and I cannot. I am vaguely aware seeing the brake lights of the carrier that had the cone underneath come on when the carrier was either at the other end of Beachcroft Avenue or near the end. I am not aware of seeing any officers disembark from the carrier. I can't remember seeing any foot police near the carrier when it pulled up. I have been asked if in my opinion it would have been possible for any of the foot police to have reached the far end of [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.....

Beachcroft before the carrier and I would think this most unlikely because the carrier was travelling at a fair speed. I have also been asked if I can remember seeing [REDACTED] in Beachcroft Avenue and as I said in my previous statement I only recall seeing him in the Broadway as [REDACTED] and I walked back into the Broadway from Beachcroft Avenue.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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Interview of ; [REDACTED]
by ; [REDACTED]
at ; Room 236, Southall Police Station
on ; 24th April 1979, 7.58pm

Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Elai Clement 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 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 Sir

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No. 3, Unit sir.

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Inspector [REDACTED] and Sergeant [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 sir.

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not personally. There were shields on the carrier when we stopped. I did not use a shield. [REDACTED]


Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Earlier in the day about 4pm I had my truncheon drawn but did not use it. 

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

A. No sir. 

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

A. The atmosphere was one of extreme aggression by a crowd principally on the corner of Northcote opposite the Bank of Baroda and a considerable number of missiles were being thrown.

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

A. No sir. Immediately I got out of the carrier I arrested someone, got back in the carrier and stayed there. His name was [REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?


A. Not asked.

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9.

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

A. Not asked. 



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

A. There were about five people arrested and put on the carrier. I saw no use of violence by Police. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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12.

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. 

  8.13pm

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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By [REDACTED] LB(2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 5.50pm
finished at 5.52pm

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 Leytonstone at 12.30pm

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

A. We usually are.

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

A. Yes

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

A. It was drawn. It wasn't used.

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

A. No.

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes.

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) Aged
 Occupation of Witness
 Address and Telephone Number 3 Unit Special Patrol Group
 Leytonstone

This statement,* consisting of 9 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 T R Dainton DCI

I am a member of the Special Patrol Group, No 3 Unit and have been a member of the SPG since During this time I have performed duty at all kinds of demonstrations and am no stranger to violent demonstrations and other public order situations. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I went with my Unit and other Units from the SPG to Southall and after operational feeding, went to the vicinity of the demonstration; although I can't remember exactly where this was; although it was in the area of the Town Hall. The first incident we went to was this one at the Town Hall where a police cordon was across the road. At that time I was on Uniform 20 which is the carrier on which I am normally posted. The other two carriers of my Unit are Uniform 19 and Uniform 21. They were also in attendance at that first incident. was not on my carrier but I believe he was on U19 and although I didn't actually see him, I have a firm impression that he was there. On arrival at the cordon we formed a shield

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]

serial to go through that cordon. It was at this point we were greeted with a barrage of bricks and bottles thrown by the crowd which consisted mainly of Asian youths. As this was so early in the demonstration at about 4pm, which was four hours before the meeting was due to start, I formed the opinion there and then that the demonstration was one of those which was very likely to end in serious disorder and violence. It was obvious even at this stage that the police were to become their targets for the day, as at that time as far as I could see there were National Front supporters about. This incident eventually finished when the demonstrators were chased away from the area and they dispersed down various side streets and alley ways near the Town Hall. As far as I can recall I did have my truncheon drawn. This I did of my own volition which I thought was very necessary because of the violent situation, and because members of the crowd were seen by me to have bottles in their hands. This was during the time of the first incident. We were then deployed elsewhere as we were on many occasions during that afternoon, and during these occasions we met sporadic violence when missiles were thrown at us including bags of curry powder, bricks and bits of glass. I can't recall details of all these situations as they were too numerous and it was an on-going situation and I lost track of time as we always remove our watches. Some time later that evening which I now realise would have been in the region of about 7.45pm we withdrew from a cordon which we had formed, together with officers from 'C' Division who had then been replaced by 'M' Division officers. These 'M' Division officers remained in the cordon which was as far as I can recall near Woolworths. We had been told to withdraw from the cordon and to form mobile snatch squads although I can't recall who gave the order. This consisted of

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

U19 and U21 as U20 had been dispatched with prisoners. I at this time was on U21 which was being driven by [REDACTED] but I can't recall the rest of the crew. [REDACTED] was on U19 which was the lead carrier as we drove west along the Broadway towards Hayes. I saw them stop at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and [REDACTED] and two others I think left the carrier and picked up two milk crates plastic ones, which were full of bottles and bricks. Although there were some people there and I can't be sure how many, it was not a noticeable crowd or didn't appear to be from my position at the rear of the carrier. One crate was put on their carrier and one crate was put on ours. Nothing untoward took place at that point and we drove down to a garage and put the crates over a fence, thus out of reach or sight of any demonstrators. We turned around in the garage and both carriers drove east back towards the Broadway. U19 was again in the lead and as we neared the junction of Northcote I noticed a large crowd there on that side of the road. There were about fifty people gathered there mainly Asian. I then saw the brake lights of U19 which was about thirty yards in front of us, come on; and at that point our carrier was hit by a number of missiles which came from the direction of the crowd on that corner and I believe that missiles also hit U19. As the carrier stopped the crowd began to run down Northcote Avenue still throwing stones, which I presumed were the type of missiles which had hit the carrier, although I couldn't be sure. Both carriers followed into Northcote Avenue and stopped. U19 was about forty to fifty yards in front of us and we had stopped about thirty feet from the junction of the Broadway. It was at this point that I saw an Asian man who later I found was called [REDACTED] standing about twenty feet from my carrier with a large piece of concrete in his hand, with

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

his arm upraised. I had first seen this man before we stopped in the position, so that I had to turn around in the back seat to see him, then standing behind the carrier. I then saw him hurl the piece of concrete forcibly at my carrier, which struck the carrier on the rear nearside door above the window which caused dents and flaking paint work on that door. I leapt out and arrested him, leaving by the back door of the carrier. I then saw some of the crowd who had previously run up Northcote, returning being chased by the crew of U19. It seemed to me that as everyone of the crowd passed me they rained blows and kicks on me and tried to make me release the prisoner, who was also struggling fiercely. They were unsuccessful and I think that it was [REDACTED] who helped me into the carrier with him. It was at this point that another colossal barrage of bricks, stones bottles and pieces of wood started to rain down on the carrier, and in fact, before I actually got the prisoner into the carrier, a missile from one of his fellow demonstrators struck him a blow on the head. This was a brick, and it caused an injury to his head which later necessitated treatment by the Divisional Surgeon. Being on the receiving end of this frightening barrage obviously frightened him, a great deal as he covered on the floor of the carrier and wouldn't get up until it had ceased. Also as I put him in the carrier I noticed a set of rice flails used also in karate striking from his pocket and also found a stone in his pocket. I stayed with him as he was violent initially, and then remained with him. After this the barrage seemed to increase and I also at that time, saw the window of a blue car which was parked on the corner of Northcote smashed by a missile from that same crowd. The rest of my crew were absent from the carrier apart from the driver, who was [REDACTED] I then heard someone shout for shield

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of.....

which I think was [REDACTED] and I believe [REDACTED] distributed shields from our carrier. Although I'm not sure I believe they then went into Beechcroft Avenue after the demonstrators who had been throwing missiles. As they did this the barrage of missiles died away. Shortly afterwards other prisoners were brought to the carrier which I think numbered about five in all. In between the times that prisoners were put into the carrier I heard a call for urgent assistance come over our own radio network which I believe came from [REDACTED] but I don't know where he was. Shortly after this two SPG Carriers arrived from the west with their warning systems operating. They stopped at the junction of Beechcroft and I saw one of them before it stopped skidding because of a parking cone struck underneath its wheels. I didn't recognise the carriers of the unit arriving although I've learnt since that it was 1 Unit carrier. I saw the officers leave the carrier and go down Beechcroft Avenue presumably after the members of my Unit. I couldn't see what was happening then because those two carriers were blocking my view down the road. I didn't see any more carriers go down Beechcroft but it is possible that three carriers arrive, one of which might have gone down there, but I certainly didn't see it. I have no recollection of seeing any other officers about that location. Apart from SPG officers. Neither can I recall how many officers left the 1 Unit carrier. I can't remember how long those carriers remained at that junction as by this time other prisoners were being brought back to my carrier and my carrier was facing away from them. As far as I can recall we took a full load of officers and prisoners on board and we then drove to the garage I've already mentioned and put all the prisoners and arresting officers on the U21 which left for Ealing Police Station while the other carrier remained with non-committed officers in the area

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]
of Southall. I went to Ealing with U21 and had no further involvement
with Southall or the demonstration. I did not request examination
by Divisional Surgeon. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

demonstrators that day. I am quite sure no-one got off the carrier U21 around that time. I do not recall any missiles being thrown at our carrier when we drove up Broadway at around that time. On our return from leaving the milk crates at the garage further along Broadway we pulled into Northcote Avenue and stopped. This would have been about 7.50pm - 7.55pm or a little later. I have referred to seeing two SPG carriers arriving at the scene from the west of Broadway whilst I was in U21 with my prisoner. The first one stopped close to the west side of Beechcroft on the corner of Broadway. The second one had come round the nearside of the first carrier and stopped on the opposite corner of Beechcroft junction with Broadway. Of this I can be absolutely sure. They had been travelling fast, about 30 - 35 mph but did n't actually go into Beechcroft. I was sitting on the back seat of U21 with my prisoner - [REDACTED] - at that time. I said in my previous statement that I saw officers get out of the two carriers when they stopped. I now recall that I saw the operator's door and side door of the first carrier to arrive open. I don't remember now if any officers got out. I had got the impression they did, but can't say they did get out in fact. I did not see any doors open on the second carrier. It was within my view but I was paying attention to the first carrier. I could not see any of my own unit officers in the junction at that time. I had not seen where they went as I was engaged with my prisoner. I cannot remember if the carriers moved off again, I paid no further attention to them. Other prisoners had arrived and I was attending to them. I don't recall seeing the carriers again. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

#2147

Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Room 236, Southall Police Station

on: 24th April 1979 7.39 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]

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

A. I was yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. Three unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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. I was Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. I did yes. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. I personally didn't no. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No , not initially. [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. [REDACTED]

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

A. It was very frightening. We were being pelted with bricks, bottles, stones all sorts of things and we were outnumbered about five hundred to one. [REDACTED]

P2153

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

A. Eventually I did Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes, I did yes [REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. I was trying to arrest the bloke that threw the brick at [REDACTED] I chased after him with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The suspect turned right into the cul-de-sac, climbed a garden fence at the end ran alongside the end house into the rear garden. [REDACTED] who was in front of me stopped I carried on, followed him along an alley into Beechcroft Road again. Arrested him and took him straight back to the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the man's name?

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. No I didn't

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

A. Bricks and bottles were being thrown all the time, but I can only identify the man I arrested. I saw no violence used by police. [REDACTED]

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

A. I didn't see any incident. [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. Nothing further [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[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. Only those I have previously described., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview of

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
at X.S.
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.55pm
finished at 5.57pm

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 Leytonstone - 12.30pm

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

A. No.

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

A. Yes.

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

A. No.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

A. No.

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes.

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.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number..... 3 Unit SPG
 Leytonstone
 556 8655

This statement,* consisting of 18 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.....

Signature witnessed by.....

I have a total of [redacted] years police service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group in [redacted]. Since joining the Group I have been attached to 3 Unit based at Leytonstone. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I paraded for duty at Leytonstone for duties with my Group at Southall. I cannot remember our Serial Number. On Parade I was assigned to my usual carrier with the call sign Uniform 20. There are three carriers the other two call signs Uniform 19 and 21, were also assigned to duties at Southall. The officer assigned to the carrier I was on (U20) were

[redacted] (driver), [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] and PC [redacted]. All three carriers went

initially to Feltham. We had paraded for duty at Leytonstone at about 12.30pm and arrived at Feltham at about 2pm. On arrival at Feltham we had a meal. About half an hour later we were directed by [redacted]

[redacted] to take up a position in the Uxbridge Road east

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*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

..... of the police station (Southall). This location is to the best of my memory as I am not familiar with the area. After about 10 minutes or so we were directed by I think, to go to assist other officers at the west side of the Town Hall in the Uxbridge Road. On arrival at that location I saw a large crowd of demonstrators throwing bricks at a police cordon and then at our three carriers. directed us to clear the street and try to arrest some of the stone throwers. We dismounted and went through the cordon with shields I think and started to clear the street with other Divisional serials. The demonstrators started to retreat as we moved forward but they continued throwing bricks and bottles at us. I think the mounted Branch was there as well. I remember about a third of the demonstrators left the main group and went off down a side street to the left of Uxbridge Road but I cannot remember which road. I do recall it was pouring with rain at that time. By this time we had got back on the carrier, and were directed by whom I don't remember, down the side street and at least one Divisional serial accompanied us on foot. We stopped at the bottom of this road and the demonstrators continued to throw stones on a sort of hit and run basis, so we withdrew. We went back in the carrier to Uxbridge Road and parked in the Broadway just west of Alexander Avenue as directed by I have no idea of what time this may have been because I had taken my watch off in case it was damaged. I remember we parked by a shoe shop that had its windows broken. I think there was a police cordon across the Broadway to our rear. Over the next hour or so the Broadway started to fill up with people. There was the odd skirmish going on at the cordon behind us and on a couple of occasions we were ordered out of the carrier to assist the cordon. During these skirmishes

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was attacked by a demonstrator who tried to stab him with a screwdriver and the demonstrator was arrested. Another demonstrator was arrested by one of the unit for possessing an offensive weapon which was a club and another for possessing a cycle chain. The situation was then becoming very tense with a lot of shouting going on. I saw an officer's helmet go up in the air and get lost among the crowd. At sometime during these skirmishes we were joined by a 'C' Division serial. Neither our Unit or any of the Divisional serials had drawn truncheons during these skirmishes. One of the Divisional Serials I think 'C' Division, then formed a cordon across the Broadway just east of Barretts Shoe Shop which I think was near the junction with Alexander Avenue. At this time we were out of the carriers standing either with or behind the cordon. We were there for some time. The Broadway was by then a mass of people both in front and behind us. A young Asian had come up to the cordon and said, 'You've got to let us through to join the demonstration because if you don't there is going to be trouble'. What he said then did not make sense because the cordon was not stopping people from going in any direction at that time and someone told him that. We were then told by [REDACTED] I think to tell the people in the Broadway to the west of us to either join the demonstration or to go away. I think the reason for that was because the situation was tense and it was apparent that too many people were building up all around us in a large contingent of which were members of the Anti Nazi League who were wearing their badges which were little yellow circular badges with a red flash on it. I noticed in particular that one of these Anti Nazi League members who was white aged 26-27, with a beard and who was wearing what I think was a brown corduroy jacket; he was about 5'10" or 11" with longish

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]

light brown hair which joined his beard, was paying a good deal of interest in the carriers and I kept an eye on him. He just kept walking in a figure of eight around the carriers. He would go away and then return about 10 minutes later and repeat the performance again. The next thing I remember was an 'M' Division serial arriving and it was then that cleared the glass up from the broken window in the shoe shop. Going back to the Anti Nazi League man that was nosing about the carriers. I did not stop him but I seem to remember pointing him out to another officer. The 'M' Division serial formed a cordon behind us while we moved the crowd back to enable the glass to be cleared. We then got back on the carriers bearing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both SPG in the entrance to an alley opposite Alexander Avenue to stop anyone gaining access to the roof of the shops like they had done earlier across the road. At this time it must have been round about 8 o'clock and we were told by whom I don't remember, to take a short patrol up and down the Broadway. By this time the carrier U20, that I was assigned to conveyed prisoners away and I boarded U21. At this time [REDACTED] as the driver, [REDACTED] I can't remember who else was there but I think [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] was there as well. We drove west along the Broadway, there was still crowds of people along the Broadway mainly Asians, behind the carrier U19. We pulled into the left hand side of the Broadway somewhere, I can't remember where and removed from a shop doorway among a large crowd of Asians, two large milk crates containing housebricks and bottles. One of each of these was put in each carrier but I cannot remember by who. We drove further on to the next junction and I think it was there that we were faced with a very large crowd of Asian youths who were spread out into

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the middle of the road. We were met with a barrage of bricks and bottles, one or two of which hit the carriers. It was like sitting in a dustbin with someone banging a stick around it. Before we could do anything about it the crowd dispersed running in every direction. We drove on much further up the Broadway to a Petrol station and we hid the two crates of bricks and bottles. We then drove back down the Broadway and turned left into Northcote Avenue. There was a large crowd of people at the junction of Broadway and Northcote and similarly at the junction opposite with Beechcroft Avenue. As we entered Northcote Avenue we were behind the carrier U19 and the crowd started to stone us. U19 had driven on and as we by this time had stopped. I got a call over my personal radio to U19 and told them we had been stoned. U19 then returned to us and as we had now turned round they followed us out again into the Broadway. We turned right into the Broadway and had not gone far when we got stones thrown at us - I am sorry I now realise I have got this out of sequence, earlier when I spoke about the incident when it seemed as though I was sitting in a dustbin, what I said about that happened at this time after we turned into the Broadway out of Northcote. We turned round and came back to Northcote Avenue and were stoned again by the crowd at that junction. We jumped out of the carrier and I arrested a young Asian named [REDACTED] for possessing an offensive weapon which was a brick he threw at me. He was only 14 years of age and he told me he had to throw the brick or all of his mates would call him 'chicken'. I put him on the carrier and asked the driver, I think that was [REDACTED] to look after him. I remember [REDACTED] got into the carrier at the same time with another prisoner who had rice flails. We were by now being stoned by the crowd

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] who were in the Broadway at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue and they were shouting. The situation at this time was frightening. I then saw an Asian who I later learned was [REDACTED] throw a housebrick towards the rear of my carrier, this hit [REDACTED] on the right side of the face and he fell to the ground. Just prior to this we had been told by [REDACTED] to draw shields from the carrier and [REDACTED] was in the process of doing this when he was hit with the brick thrown by [REDACTED]. Someone picked [REDACTED] up. I went and joined a shield party. There were 3 officers with shields in the party. I did not have a shield so I got behind them. I remember another officers being on my right but I don't know who it was now. There must have been about 4 such shield parties there at that time, made up of officers from our Unit. I don't know if any other officers from other serials were there or not. At this time my whole attention was taken up with keeping [REDACTED] within my view because I was anxious that he would be arrested for what he did to [REDACTED]. I think it was then that [REDACTED] told us to draw truncheons. We remained in the middle of the road facing Beechcroft Avenue and I think I remember seeing one of the shield parties move west along the Broadway from the junction with Beechcroft. I then saw [REDACTED] gain who was easily identifiable because he was wearing a yellow jumper pick something up from the road and lob it towards the carrier. He was standing then more or less in the middle of Beechcroft at the junction with Broadway. I can only estimate the number of people in hundreds in Beechcroft at that time and bricks and bottles were being thrown. As I have said my attention was focused on [REDACTED] throughout. We then ran into the junction; a carrier came along the Broadway from my right and drove into Beechcroft Avenue. It was an

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]

SPG carrier but I do not know which one it was. The crowd started to run down Beechcroft Avenue and I ran after [REDACTED]. I remember seeing [REDACTED] running in front of me, [REDACTED] who was carrying a shield was running beside me. I don't know which side. There were also other officers who were obviously going for [REDACTED] but I don't remember who they were. I do remember that [REDACTED] was also in front of me. Neither [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] were carrying shields and I did not notice if they were carrying truncheons. I had my truncheon out and had it out since the order to draw truncheons was given. [REDACTED] ran down the left hand side of Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. There were others running behind and in front of him. Just before [REDACTED] reached the junction with Orchard Avenue he ran across the road on to the right hand pavement of Beechcroft and then turned right into Orchard Avenue. As he did so I remember seeing a carrier stationary at the junction but I cannot remember seeing any police officers near it. I can't, in fact, remember seeing anyone at that junction. I know that as [REDACTED] turned right into Orchard Avenue [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were still in front of me and were in between myself and [REDACTED]. I do not remember seeing [REDACTED] as we turned the corner, but I know there were other officers still running behind me. [REDACTED] ran up the pavement on the right hand side of Orchard Avenue. It was a dead end and when he got to the end, he climbed over a 5 or 6 foot high white wooden fence. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went into the garden at the last house and I followed them in. I ran down the side of the house and saw [REDACTED] standing by a wall that divided the house of the garden we were standing in and the house next door. I saw that [REDACTED] was exhausted and was incapable of going any further. I then caught sight of [REDACTED].

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 [REDACTED]

just disappearing through the back gate of the house next door into the alley. I climbed over the wall and ran after him. As I got into the alley I saw [REDACTED] just disappearing left into Beechcroft. I continued running after him. I chased him up the left hand pavement at Beechcroft back towards the Broadway. I saw police officers at the junction and 2 of them were standing in the road. I shouted 'Stop the one in the yellow jumper'. [REDACTED] almost ran into them and they caught hold of him on the left hand footway. I do not know who the officers were. They did not have shields and I do not remember them having truncheons. I still had my truncheon out. One of the officers had hold of [REDACTED] by his left arm. I caught hold of his right arm. Nothing was said at that time, because I was out of breath. The officer helped me put [REDACTED] into my carrier which was still parked facing north in Northcote Road at the junction with the Broadway. When I got to the carrier [REDACTED] was sat in the driver's seat. [REDACTED] was in the van with the man he had arrested with the rice flails, and he was also looking after the youth I had arrested earlier. [REDACTED] was in the van with another prisoner. As far as I can remember they were the only officers in the carrier when we arrived with [REDACTED]. The 2 officers who had helped me to arrest [REDACTED] must have been Divisional officers as I think I would have recognised them if they had been SPG. officers. I seem to remember [REDACTED] coming back to the carrier and me telling him I had got the one with the yellow jumper. About ten minutes or so after I got aboard the van with [REDACTED] drove off. Before we moved away, [REDACTED] got into the carrier on his own. I don't remember whether anyone else got in or not. We then drove off to a garage in the Broadway, I think it was the same one where we had left the bricks.

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]

When we got to the garage I saw [REDACTED] who instructed all the arresting officers to take their prisoners to Ealing police station. When I arrived back at the carrier in Northcote Avenue with [REDACTED] carrier U19 was still parked in front of our carrier which is as they had both been parked when we had left them. I don't remember seeing U19 drive away when we left but I do remember seeing it at the garage. I don't remember seeing the 2 milk crates full of bricks and bottles that we had left at the garage again that night but I did see them at Southall police station the next day. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were charged at Ealing police station the night I arrested them and I booked off duty at 1 am. That is everything I can remember of that night; it sounds perhaps that this was just another demonstration but I want to say how tense the situation was and you had to be involved in it to appreciate how exposed and how scared you can feel. I have a photocopy of a plan of the vicinity of the Broadway shown to me bearing Exhibit Label LS/1. I have marked 'A' on this where [REDACTED] was standing when he threw the brick at [REDACTED] 'B' where [REDACTED] was standing. 'C' where [REDACTED] was standing when he threw the brick at the carrier and 'D' where the carrier U21 was parked. I have pencilled on the plan where [REDACTED] ran down BEECHCROFT Avenue, Orchard Avenue and the back garden and alley route used by him culminating to where he was arrested in Beechcroft and I have marked where he was stopped at 'E' on that plan. I have also marked as 'F' on that plan the spot where I had seen the carrier parked at the junction of Orchard Avenue and Beechcroft whilst I was chasing [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 30 years
 Occupation of Witness Police Sergeant
 Address and Telephone Number Deptford Police Station
 853 8063

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 28th day of April, 19 79

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

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was on duty at Southall polioing a National Front Demonstration. I was attached to serial 55 and for most of the day was part of a cordon in the Broadway. At about 7 p.m. I was ordered to go to Herbert Road to cover an alley running behind a row of shops adjacent to the demonstrators, and instructed to call for assistance should any be seen, (both PL) and (PP). Between that time and about 9.30pm I saw some officers, who are not known to me, situated at Herbert Road, Junction with Orchard Way, start to run towards Orchard Way. I instructed to call for assistance, and made my way towards Orchard Way. When I arrived there I saw

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

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three S.P.G. type carriers around the bend and a number of youths run off up an alleyway. The situation seemed to be in hand, so I informed [redacted], who was approaching from Herbert Road with a serial, that it was all quiet. I left a number of officers clearing people from the street. I saw nobody with any injuries. I saw nothing untoward take place.

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During the afternoon the cordons came under attack with people throwing bricks and curry powder at us. I had taken my watch off and can only estimate the times, but it was sometime around seven o'clock when I was pulled out of the line with ten P.C.'s and directed to go to Herbert Road to prevent demonstrators coming out of the alleyway behind the shops into Herbert Road and getting behind the cordon. A wall had been pulled down in Herbert Road at the entrance to the alleyway and bricks and rubble were strewn around. Along the alleyway itself there was an abundance of rubble and general debris which could have been used as missiles. The only persons allowed to pass our line were those who lived in the street and others who could prove they had a legitimate reason for being there. At one stage in the evening I recall seeing two or may be three SPG Carriers parked in the Broadway just to the west of Herbert Road. At one stage I remember an SPG Carrier reversing into Herbert Road, but whether this was to turn round or park I cannot say. Later on I saw a handful of officers at the green at the bottom of Herbert Road. They were strangers to me and then suddenly I saw them rush to my right into Orchard Avenue. I made my way down to the junction to see what was happening at the same time directing one of my officers, I believe it was [REDACTED] to get some assistance. When I was almost at the junction I saw a group, of about four or five youths, I believe they were white youths, running down an alleyway in Orchard Avenue just opposite Herbert Road. I also saw two SPG Carriers parked in Orchard Avenue. At first there was just one carrier and it was on the south side of the road facing east towards Herbert Road and it was a couple of houses

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back from the junction. I seem to recollect that the second carrier was a little further along the road and pulled up behind the first one just as I reached the corner. At this time, [REDACTED] from 'F' District, whom I have known for some time, came down Herbert Road on foot with his serial. I stopped him and told him that it was all quiet and everything seemed to be under control. There was no trouble in the street and a few officers, whom I believe were from the carrier were milling around in the roadway. I was standing in the roadway right at the junction talking to [REDACTED] when I saw a film crew of two or three persons walking down Herbert Road towards us. One was carrying a camera and one was carrying a microphone and I think there was one other. They were about four or five feet away from where I was standing and had either passed us or were just level with us when one of the officers, whom I presume came from one of the carriers, stopped them by holding his arms out stretched and effectively blocked their way. I was aware of other officers in the vicinity, but I particularly remember seeing an Inspector present. He was wearing a helmet and he too came over towards the camera crew. Someone told them to clear off, then voices were raised and shouting at the camera crew he told them to clear the road. I seem to recall that the camera man asked who the senior officer was at the location and I believe the Inspector with the helmet spoke to him. What was said between them I do not recall. I think other officers came over, I believe from the carrier, and the camera crew were then hustled back up Herbert Road. They offered no resistance other than questioning the right to stop there and whilst there may have been physical contact

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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between the officers and the crew, no violence was used towards them. Who it was who shouted at the camera crew I do not know but I think it was the officer who had his arms outstretched. Either during or just after this incident I seem to recall another SPQ Carrier coming down Herbert Road from the Broadway and joining the others. With [REDACTED] and his serial, I then returned to the Broadway end of the road. In my statement of 28 April, I have referred to Orchard Way when I should have said Orchard Avenue. [REDACTED]