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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

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

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday, 23rd April, 1979, I was employed as [REDACTED] 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 realised 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 debussed myself, one Sergeant and fourteen P.C's, leaving one P.S. as gaoles/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 [REDACTED], who was wearing a helmet, and other officers. One member of the film crew started to speak to me but was ushered away by [REDACTED]. 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.

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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. 7.08pm

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

A.

Yes, sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Yes, sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 Unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My Inspector was [REDACTED] and my sergeant at the time 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. We drove into Northcote but the times I dont know sir.

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes sir.

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Not first of all, no sir. [REDACTED]


Q. Did you have your trenchcoat drawn?

A. Not immediately on getting out no sir. I drew it once I was in the street. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No sir. 

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

A. No sir. 




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

A. Very tense I would say. Directly we got out of the carriers in Northcote Avenue the pavements on both sides of us cleared and we immediately came under fire by the crowd throwing missiles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. After a while, yes sir.

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

A. Yes sir.

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C. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. We got out of the carriers, we came under fire from the crowds on the opposite side of the road. One of our PC's from the carrier behind us was hit in the face by a brick and I then placed the PC into the first carrier, the front carrier of the two. I then ran and joined 3 shields on the right hand side. We advanced, crossed the road. Some missiles were thrown and the crowd dispersed. We returned by the carriers. I got a shield out myself and joined the right hand end of the shields and advanced across the Broadway. We stood in the opposite junction entrance and another SPG carrier came from our right. We had to get out of the way and it turned right and went up the side road. At the time they were still throwing objects or missiles I advanced up the right hand pavement to the junction and turned right into a cul-de-sac. I saw I believe two or three other officers chasing three men into the cul-de-sac and I followed. They all disappeared from view. I got to the end and, I think it was [REDACTED] another officer came back into view. We walked back to the carriers put the shields back and got on as the crowd had dispersed. Out of the three men chased, the man that injured [REDACTED] was arrested. I do not know what happened to the other two men. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No sir.

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

A. The only arrest I can outline is the man who was arrested who assaulted [REDACTED] I believe he had a yellow jumper on. I did not see any use of violence by Police. [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?

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No sir.



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

A. The officers who ran in front of me into the cul-de-sac were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] was behind me with a shield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED]
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 8.36pm
finished at 8.40pm
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 Police Station at 12.30pm [REDACTED]
- Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheon at parade for inspection?
A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you take a truncheon with you on duty at Southall on 23rd April 1979?
A. Yes sir. [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you use that truncheon at any time on 23rd April 1979? If so when?
A. No sir. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. It is sir yes. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

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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 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 3rd day of May, 1979.

Signed
Signature witnessed by

On Monday, 23rd April, 1979 I was on duty with no. 3 unit S.P.G. at Southall. I was dressed in full uniform with protective helmet and raincoat. I was posted to uniform 19. I usually work on uniform 20 with my partner but because that carrier was overcrowded we moved onto uniform 19 for that day. As far as I can recall the driver was and was in the operators seat. was on the carrier with I believe, and there were some other P.G.'s because it was packed but I can't be sure who they were. From about 3.0pm until about 7.30pm the carrier was parked on the South side of the Broadway outside Barratts Shoe Shop to prevent shoes from being stolen from the display window which had been smashed and to prevent demonstrators from using the broken glass as missiles. The next turning to West is Beachcroft Avenue. There

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were two other serials at this location - a 'C' District shield serial was across the road and an 'M' District serial also came up. I don't know what time it was but I would say nearer to 7.0p, than 3.0pm. I can remember one other carrier being with us at Barratts but there may have been two. As we moved off there was a coach on the North side of the Broadway and a Sergeant came across and stuck his head in the carrier and spoke generally through the driver's window. The gist of what he told was that there were some crates of milk bottles in Beachcroft Avenue behind a large crowd which was covering the entrance into Beachcroft Avenue. I can't remember during the whole incident seeing a white face. Four or five of us got out including [REDACTED]. We ran towards where we believed the milk crates to be and a gap in the crowd opened up in front of us. Two crates were found, I believe orange, and these contained milk bottles, bricks, and some cans. One milk bottle was broken off at the neck. One of the crates was placed on top of the shields in our carrier and the other crate went on the other carrier. During that operation to my knowledge there was no opposition to us but as soon as we got back to the carrier the crowd had reformed across Beachcroft Avenue about 2 feet from the carrier. We got into the carrier and I saw an Asian youth gesticulate with both hands towards us and then appeared to throw something at the carrier. I'm not sure whether anything hit the carrier. I think [REDACTED] and myself got out. We ran towards the crowd which again parted. We saw him running down Beachcroft Avenue and gave chase. At the bottom he ran down an alleyway immediately opposite Beachcroft Avenue that

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is where it joins Orchard Avenue. The one thing I remember was that it was full of puddles and there were whole housebricks in the puddles. We chased him through the back doubles and eventually lost him. We then retraced our steps and got back onto the carrier somewhere in Orchard Avenue or Beachcroft Avenue. Everybody was in the carrier except [REDACTED] who was standing nearby, and told us, [REDACTED] and myself that it was better to act as a unit rather than as individuals. We got back on the carrier drove up Beachcroft Avenue through the crowds which again parted. I got the impression that the crowd was very aggressive and agitated. We turned left into the main road and drove along to a petrol station with another carrier and off loaded the crates behind the garage building. We then went back and patrolled East in the Broadway. At some point I was aware that the Broadway was completely blocked by crowds of Asians. As far as I can remember and travelled East in the Broadway alongside the other carrier. That had the effect of clearing the crowds from the roadway in the Broadway. We turned round, went west. The windscreen was starred and cracked in two pieces when missiles were thrown at the carrier. We carried on West and then did a 'U' turn, and started travelling East again. Looking at it logically the place where we came under attack must have been at the junction with Northcote Avenue because that's where the crowd was. I don't remember whether the Police coach was still there at that time. As we drove East for the last time we came under heavy attack from a very large crowd and we turned left into Northcote Avenue and stopped. The other carrier turned in behind us. We were surrounded by a sea of black faces. Missiles were still being thro

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at the carrier. The call went up for truncheons out but I can't remember whether [REDACTED] gave the order or not. There was a rush to get out of the carrier and I think I was about the fifth to get out even though I was sitting near the door. I don't remember whether shields were taken out or not. As I got out of the carrier I drew my truncheon. I got out of the side door facing the west pavement of Northcote Avenue. The crowd ran away and all of Northcote Avenue Cleared, going both directions in Northcote Avenue. We were only a short distance away from the junction. I remember looking towards the carrier behind me, that is the carrier behind me, and seeing [REDACTED] a 20 man, leaning against the front wing looking fit to collapse. I ran to him and saw that his lower face was covered in blood. I helped him towards Uniform 19 and put him on the front double seat on the back and left him there. I believe that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were still on the carrier. The rear carrier nearest to the Broadway was being stoned, from the crowd in the Broadway at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue. I saw then that there were some shields out and that there were 3 shields on the West hand footway of Northcote Avenue but no back up men. I didn't have a shield so I ran and tucked in behind them. I don't know who those P.C.'s were. We advanced, swinging right into the Broadway. We were not under attack at this time. So we stopped and walked back to the carriers. The crowd in front of us had moved west down the Broadway. The carriers were still in the same position. I got a shield out of one of the carriers. The carriers were still under attack by missiles but not as heavily

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as before . The main crowd was in Beachcroft Avenue which was total blocked. We then formed up in a complete straight line in the Broadway facing towards Beachcroft Avenue and I was the last shield on the line at the West end. We then advanced as a line across the Broadway moving South and formed up in a line across the mouth of Beachcroft Avenue, some stones were thrown but not many. The crowd had retreated south down Beachcroft Avenue and the bulk of them were where the houses in Beachcroft Avenue start and my impression was that most of them were on the left-hand pavement that is the East side. There were very few people on the right-hand pavement, if any. They were still throwing missiles at us sporadically. I was still on the far right of the line and I had the impression of a carrier coming from my right. The blue light was going. I looked round and saw it coming towards the junction travelling East along the Broadway. The next thing was I thought it was skidding and looked right and saw that it had a traffic cone stuck under its front bumper which was scraping along the ground. I was aware that I had to step out of its way and it passed to the right of me. It drove into Beachcroft Avenue and turned its two-tone ON. I was not aware of the carrier stopping in the Broadway before it entered Beachcroft Avenue nor was I aware of any other carrier accompanying it. When the carrier passed me the line of my unit were about level with the pavement edge. We weren't into the actual part of Beachcroft Avenue. The carrier went up the centre of Beachcroft Avenue it had come round the corner at speed and had travelled some distance down Beachcroft Avenue before I started to move. As far as I remember it had gone

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beyond the first houses. At this point I was not aware of any other officers, apart from 3 unit SPG Officers, being with me in the line at the top of Beachcroft Avenue. As the carrier went down the road the crowd started running away down Beechcroft Avenue. I can't remember any running back towards us. The carrier drove down Beachcroft Avenue and stopped at the bottom at an angle to the corner or just round the corner, on the left hand side of Beachcroft Avenue as I was running down but still in view. As the carrier had gone down Beachcroft the line had broken up and moved forward. I was running down the right-hand pavement and I was aware of three of 3 unit P.C.'s running in front of me. The front of those three was my partner [REDACTED]. There were 2 PC's close behind him [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. None of them had shields. They seemed to be pursuing 3/4 coloured males. The only distinctive one of whom was wearing a mustard coloured jumper. They all disappeared to the right at the end of Beachcroft Avenue pursued by the P.C.'s. I was a short distance behind. As I turned the corner the bloke in the mustard jumper was just scaling a white fence at the end of the road which was a cul-de-sac. The others just disappeared somewhere. The chasing P.C.'s disappeared as well. I kept running to the end and as I reached the end [REDACTED] came out of the side of the house at the end on the right-hand side. We then walked back along Beachcroft Avenue, and got back on the carrier which was in its original position. When I was in the cul-de-sac part of Orchard Avenue I have an impression of [REDACTED] with a shield, somewhere near me.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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As we ran down Beachcroft Avenue I can't recall meeting any resistance at all. I don't remember any missiles in Orchard Avenue either. From the time I started running until the time I got to the wall I wasn't forced to stop. When I walked back from Orchard Avenue I don't remember seeing a carrier in Beachcroft Avenue. I didn't see any disturbance in Orchard Avenue as I made my way back to the carrier. As I arrived at the wall end of Orchard Avenue I met [REDACTED] coming out of the side of the last house muttering something about running into a washing line. We didn't stay at the location and immediately started walking back. As I turned right at the corner into the cul-de-sac end I had the impression that the street was empty apart from the people we were chasing. As I ran my whole concentration was on the people we were chasing and I was not aware of what was going on to my left. I can't place the carrier at the bottom in relation to my running down I just have the impression that at some time it was across the corner. I was not aware of anyone being injured on my return to the carrier except for [REDACTED].

As far as I can remember these incidents took place at dusk. I think it was about 8.0pm. As I ran down Beachcroft Avenue I think there were cars parked on my side of the road. The only car I can positively remember was one parked next to the carrier in Northcote Avenue which was immaculate when we got there but the windows were smashed when we left. When we walked back up Beachcroft Avenue there were still P.C.'s around but there was no hectic activity. I didn't see anyone who appeared to be ill at all. When I got back to the carrier I didn't know that the bloke with the mustard jumper had been arrested. He certainly wasn't put on our carrier.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

P2201

Interview of : [REDACTED]
by : [REDACTED] attached to 3 unit S.P.O. at J.S. (556 8855)
at : Room 236 Southall Police Station
on : 24th April 1979 6.30p.m.

Enquiries are being made into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair 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 I understand that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. [REDACTED] as my carrier Sergeant and [REDACTED] as our unit Inspector. I was not on my normal carrier because of a shortage of men; I was on U19 supervised by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not at that stage no. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?



A. I drew my truncheon when a crowd that was throwing missiles at us and rushing at us, kicking at us and I struck out to defend myself . I think that I hit a bloke on the leg. And he was an Asian. [REDACTED]

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

A. No I didn't hear anyone give the order for truncheon to be drawn I just drew it of my own volition to defend myself. [REDACTED]

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

A. It was frightening hundreds of people I would say we had driven into. They were throwing everything bricks, bottles, broken bottles, milk bottles. We just previously recovered crates of missiles from the crowd and we disposed of them at a garage the police use. Around the back so they wouldn't get at them. We knew what sort of missiles we could encounter.



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

A. Yes. [REDACTED] formed us into our shield serials. As few of us as there were. Our carrier had got the windows smashed so we got into shield formation for safety.

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

A. We stopped at the top of Beechcroft Avenue in our shield series and someone shouted 'That man is the stone-thrower that hit [REDACTED] That man was wearing a mustard or yellow top. Very distinctive. He was a big well built Asian Man. Then as that happened one unit carrier screamed into Beechcroft Road. It had a traffic cone stuck under the front which made a row. I thought I had a good chance to arrest this suspect so I went down Beechcroft on the right hand side on the pavement. I did not have a shield myself. I chased him then right down the bottom of the road he turned right and he had two other people running behind him. I saw it was a cul-de-sac and I thought I got him because I thought he was trapped but he quickly climbed a big tall fence at the end and he was gone over it. He needn't have done that he could have gone through the garden gate as I did. I chased him

[REDACTED]

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through that garden. He quickly scaled over another brick wall into the next garden and in chasing him I caught my head on a clothes line. It went straight across my throat and over I went. I was exhausted then and I realised I wouldn't catch him and gave up the chase. PC [REDACTED] overtook me and continued chasing him out of my sight down an alley. I then walked back through the gardens retracing my steps with my partner [REDACTED] who had joined me. We walked back to Beechcroft Road back to the carriers, which were still parked at Northcote Avenue. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was keeping close supervision of us to ensure we came to no danger and to get us back onto the carriers. I subsequently found that [REDACTED] had arrested the Asian man. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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B.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not applicable

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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9.

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

A. No

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. I saw [REDACTED] put a man he had arrested into a carrier. The crowd had again becoming hostile so I ran over and shouted to them to get back. They went back shouting abuse and I got back on the carrier. I did not see any violence used by Police. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. I can't give any because there were no incidents on that junction that I was involved in and I didn't see any. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. There isn't sir, No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. As I was the first one of my unit down Beechcroft Avenue chasing this suspect I did not see the rest of my unit and only knew they were on the left. [REDACTED]

P2215

Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.30 p.m.
finished at 5.35 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. JS - 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. We produce them as normal. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. When we got out of carrier at Northcote Street. We were being attacked by a crowd throwing missiles at us. We got out of carrier. I drew my truncheon to protect myself. As the crowd rushed at us. I stuck out and I think I hit a bloke on the leg as he was kicking at me.

[REDACTED]

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

A. No, but I had it to be produced. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Dated the 3rd day of May 1979

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have [REDACTED] years police service this month. I have been a member of the Special Patrol Group since [REDACTED] always with 3 Unit. There are 3 Sergeants, an Inspector and about 27 PC's on the Unit. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I started off duty at 12.30pm with my partner, on our normal carrier which is U20. Also on the carrier that day was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was operator. I can't remember who was our driver. I know all the team very well. We went as a Unit to Feltham for a meal, at about 2pm. After the meal we got back on the carrier, but [REDACTED] out Unit Commander instructed [REDACTED] and me to join U19 to make up the numbers as they were short due to other commitments. The driver was [REDACTED] operator [REDACTED] in charge. The crew were [REDACTED] who was sitting towards the front, [REDACTED] was in front of me on the right, I was in the right rear seat, [REDACTED] in the left rear. [REDACTED] was also there and possibly one other

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

officer. We left for Southall sometime after 5pm. On way we heard a number of calls for urgent assistance. I have been on many demonstrations and can say it is most unusual to receive such calls so early before the meeting arranged. The meeting was not due to start at Southall until 8pm and these calls were obviously from officers needing help. We approached Southall from the east as directed by [REDACTED] the group Chief. We stopped by a park on a cycle carriageway, not far from the police station, for a few minutes. There were other urgent calls for assistance so we moved forward to help. When we arrived leading our unit, I noticed a police cordon across the road, holding back a large crowd of about 300 mostly Asians. Missiles were being thrown at police who were protecting themselves behind riot shields. Missiles were hitting our van behind the police cordon. [REDACTED] was in the street and came to [REDACTED]. We then drove through the police cordon which made the crowd scatter and disperse. The missile throwing stopped. We continued to drive up Broadway and back down. The crowd re-formed but did not throw further missiles, perhaps because police were on both sides of them. At one stage I jumped out with [REDACTED] to arrest a white man - who gave the name [REDACTED] for possession of a large wooden truncheon with a leather thong. It was a crudely made weapon. At about the same time an Asian was also arrested by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for offensive weapon - a large piece of wood - and for stone throwing. He was later found to have a motor cycle chain wrapped around his waist. Because of the arrests we had to go to the police station to drop them off. We left [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with the prisoners. I have no idea of the time. We returned to patrol Broadway, where we later parked behind the crowd

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

which was held back by the police cordon to the west of the Town Hall. We parked outside Barretts shoe shop which had its windows broken. The crowd multiplied rapidly from the side streets, mostly Asians. An 'M' Division serial with shields, were sent to form up across Broadway roughly by Barretts to the west of us. I think all our three carriers were there, but it may only have been two. At some stage the crowd were told over the P.A. System by [REDACTED] to either join the main body of people up towards the Town Hall or to disperse. He was addressing hundreds of mostly Asian types who had gathered to the west side of the cordon near Barretts. About half an hour or so later we moved off in our vans to patrol Broadway away from the Town Hall. We were stopped by an officer I think from Traffic Patrol who drew our attention to some milk crates on the corner of one of the junctions which appeared to have been filled with bricks, bottles and other things in preparation for use against police. We found two such crates and removed them. I chased someone who had thrown a stone at the carriers. [REDACTED] was with me, but we lost the man. During the chase and on the way back I noticed various scattered piles of housebricks. We were joined by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and returned to the carrier. We later dumped the bricks behind a garage out of the way in Uxbridge Road. We resumed patrol. There were hundreds of people, mostly Asians milling about in Broadway. Near Barretts we were again pelted with missiles, so we lined up across the road (two vehicles) and drove at the crowd in a Westerly direction to scatter them. The 'M' Division serial had gone by this time. We turned round further up the street and did the same going the opposite way. It was most effective, the crowd split up. They were throwing bricks and all sorts of things. I should say that earlier on when

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]

the P.A. System was used I had seen [REDACTED] arrest an Asian youth. I assisted him put the Asian in the van. The Asian had a screwdriver in his hand and [REDACTED] assisted the arrest. I think he was placed in U20 with [REDACTED]. Going back to when we were driving back eastwards in Broadway and missiles were being thrown, [REDACTED] directed the van to turn left into Northcote. The other unit U21, followed. There was a large crowd on the Northcote corner with Broadway and many missiles were being thrown at the vans. [REDACTED] shouted 'Draw truncheons'. This was echoed by the crew members. We all bailed out of the carrier. As soon as I was out of the carrier I had my truncheon out to defend myself from the menacing crowd all around me. I was all alone at that point. I struck out with my stick hitting an Asian man on the legs because he tried to kick me. I did not get injured. At that point I noticed [REDACTED] who had been in the second carrier was bleeding from the mouth severely. He was near the second carrier which was behind our carrier just inside the street, off Broadway. He was being helped I believe, by [REDACTED] who put him into my carrier U19. We were instructed to form up behind the shields (3 from each carrier, carried as standard equipment). There was a crowd in Broadway in the junction with Beechcroft Avenue mainly on the east side. The cordon was placed across the mouth of Beechcroft Avenue. The crowd were throwing stones. There were also missiles from our right (west) in Broadway. The order came from [REDACTED] to disperse the crowd in Beechcroft. I heard [REDACTED] shout, 'Arrest the man in the yellow top, he's the man who hit [REDACTED]'. That is verbatim his words as far as I can now remember. I have no idea what time this was. I had not seen this man throw the brick that had struck

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]

[REDACTED] nor had I seen him throw any missile. I had noticed him in the crowd in Beechcroft Road on the east pavement where a lot of missiles had come from. There were only a dozen or so of us in the police cordon. It was a frightening situation. There were about fifty people in Beechcroft where the threat was coming from. Urgent assistance calls had been put out over the air, but assistance hadn't arrived. At the moment we had been given the order to disperse the crowd, a One Unit carrier came down Broadway from the west at a very fast speed, lights on, blue lamp going. He swerved into Beechcroft on the right hand side of the road, breaking through our little cordon and narrowly missing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I believe. A plastic traffic cone was wedged under the front suspension and was making a horrible row on the roadway. The crowd scattered and ran down Beechcroft. They were mostly Asians. The arrival of the carrier was dramatic and inspired our unit to advance to disperse the crowd. We all charged down Beechcroft in pursuit of the crowd. The van was in front of us and about halfway down the Claxon two tone horn sounded which assisted the dispersal of the crowd. We all charged down the road after it. I thought I had a good chance of arresting the man in the yellow top, so I ran down the right hand side of the street, on the pavement, after him. He was 20-30 yards in front of me. He was a big Asian fellow. Before we got to the bottom of the street the carrier had stopped on the east corner junction with Orchard Avenue. I didn't see any of the officers getting out of it. I just pursued the Asian who turned right into Orchard Avenue, going west. I believe there were two or three other Asians running along behind him. I didn't see any white people at all. Behind me I

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]

saw the U20 crew running. They had followed me. These were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Also [REDACTED] from U19. I think [REDACTED] followed me, followed by [REDACTED]. The Asians ran down to the end of the street on the north side. At the end of Orchard Avenue a cul-de-sac, the man in the yellow jumper scrambled over the fence and into the garden beyond. The other Asians ran through the gate of the end house on the right, round the side of the house to the back of it. As I ran round the back, one of the Asians turned towards me and confronted me. I swung both my arms with my truncheon in my right hand across the middle of the side of his body and swept him aside. I think I struck him a blow on his arms with my truncheon in doing so. I did this because I could still see the man in the yellow top and the other man appeared to be obstructing me getting after him. The man in the yellow top had climbed over a brick wall and was running away towards an alleyway. I ran into a clothes line which caught me in the face at the back of the end house. It knocked me off my feet. [REDACTED] came past me and over the wall after the yellow-topped Asian. I was exhausted and gave up the chase. After a moment or so I turned and walked out of the garden. There were two PC's in the garden with one Asian. [REDACTED] went towards them. I walked out of the garden and as I did so there was an Asian at the side of the house. I don't know who the other two PC's in the back garden were I didn't look at them. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were at the front gate. We retraced our steps back down the north pavement of Orchard Avenue. We had no prisoners. I walked with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] walked behind. I did not see [REDACTED] come out of the garden, nor the two PC's and the Asian. Orchard Avenue was clear of people to my best recollection. Beechcroft was also clear.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of.....

I did not notice anyone about. At no time did I see any white people about. The one unit van had gone. We walked up to our carriers and into U19 in which [REDACTED] was already sitting. An ambulance was called for [REDACTED]. The whole incident from our advance down Beechcroft to our return to the carrier was a matter of a few minutes. All the crowd had dispersed with the exception of a few sightseers. A prisoner was placed on board by [REDACTED]. During the whole of the incident I did not see any officer hit anyone with a truncheon. The only person I saw injured was [REDACTED]. I should add that most of the crowd when they ran down Beechcroft had gone left down Orchard Avenue and only the yellow topped Asian and his two or three companions turned right. I did not see any white people at all during the incident. It was a most violent demonstration, one of the worst ones I have been involved in. We left the area to drop off the prisoners. We were then ordered to take refreshment at a local school. This was sometime after 8pm. [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1958, 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 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 15th day of June 1979 [REDACTED]

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of 3rd May, 1979 I have been asked to expand on a few points previously made. When we were at the top of Beechcroft Avenue in the Broadway I was on the right of our group of officers facing Beechcroft Avenue. With me were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We tend to form up into our carrier crews as we do in shield training. To my left was the rest of the Unit with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We formed up across the north of Beechcroft Avenue. The main group of demonstrators who were causing the trouble were just down in Beechcroft Avenue on the left hand side. We knew that assistance had been called for and had just regrouped, as I've explained, when the assistance came

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]

I only saw one van arrive, the one with a cone under the front. The van went straight into Beechcroft Avenue causing [redacted] and [redacted] to jump out of the way. About half way down the street the 2 tone claxon was put on, it overtook the demonstrators who had run down the street and stopped just in front of them at an angle on the left hand corner of the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue. I would say that the middle of the van was level with the corner. As soon as the van went by us we all moved forward as a group. I ran down the right hand side of Beechcroft Avenue and could see the demonstrators including the one with the mustard jumper running down the left. They all ran down that side. I recall that there were some parked vehicles and I believe a box van parked down the left footway. I am sure that the intention of the van was to cut off the demonstrators, and in fact, as they pulled in they did cut off the crowd. I saw the man in the mustard jumper run across to the right hand side of the road with several others, to avoid, I assume, the van and the officers getting out of it. Although I must say I did not see the officers get out. I ran after him as I've previously described. At the rear of No. 82 Orchard Avenue I don't recall seeing a female but I understand from conversation later on that there was one there. After this when I was walking back up Beechcroft Avenue I recall seeing [redacted] and walked up

Signed [redacted] Signature witnessed by [redacted] 1013

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the road with him. I believe it was near the junction with Orchard Avenue where I met him. I have been asked who I know on 1 Unit, I know [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as they are both long serving members of the Group. I have been asked if I saw [REDACTED] that day, I did not. I have been told that he was the driver of the van in Beechcroft Avenue and have been asked if I noticed when I went past the van at the junction of Orchard Avenue if he was in the van. I do not know I didn't look at the van but chased after the men to the right.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED] 3 unit J.S.
S.P.G.

by: [REDACTED]

present [REDACTED]

at: Southall Police Station

on: 26th April 1979

commenced 1.33pm

terminated 2.10 p.m.

D.C.I. 'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances

surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31

who it is alleged received an injury to the head on

Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this

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

you understand,?'

1.

Yes [REDACTED]

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2.

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

A. Yes. I was [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit Leytonstone [REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My Sergeant was Sergeant [REDACTED]
and Inspector [REDACTED] they were both on
my vehicle U19 [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. Yes I carried a shield [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No I didn't. I've never taken it
out of my pocket. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not put [REDACTED]

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

A. I did hear [REDACTED] shout "Shields and Sticks" but I didn't take mine out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. There were demonstrators on all pavements and a large crowd in Beechcroft Avenue. Missiles were coming from all directions. The crowd was extremely hostile. Three of us formed a shield in the roadway facing West in the Broadway. We then realised that the main trouble was coming from Beechcroft and we all turned towards it, and moved towards the mouth of Beechcroft. Another carrier then arrived, travelling East along the Broadway, slewed round the corner. We parted and let it through. It was very noticeable because it had a parking cone under the front & it was making quite a racket. I thought it was going to

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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stop but it didn't. The demonstrators then began run down Beechcroft. I'd had an had an Asian in a mustard coloured jumper pointed out to me as having thrown a missile which hit [REDACTED]. When they began to run I chased after him carrying a shield down the right hand pavement. He turned right into Orchard Avenue [REDACTED] was just in front of me - he didn't have a shield and I think [REDACTED] was with us. He ran into the dead-end and ran into No.82, down a side path into the back garden. There was a man wearing a black leather coat standing outside the front door of No. 82. I said to him "Who are you?" He said [REDACTED]. I said "You'd better get inside". He went in through the front door. I saw the Asian with the mustard jumper going over the fences of back gardens and I knew I couldn't get near him. Someone else was detained there, wearing dark clothing and I saw him being led away [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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There was also a white woman
in the back garden. She was crying and
I think [REDACTED] spoke to her. I came
out walked back up Beechcroft Avenue
and rejoined my carrier near the Broadway.

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

A. Not put

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

A. Not Put

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not Put

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

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A. Apart from what I've already mentioned no [REDACTED]

Q. An arrest was made by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Orchard Avenue junction with Beechcroft Avenue. Did you see that?

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A. Nothing at all

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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. Other than those I've already mentioned. I don't know where the others were. [REDACTED]

Q. When you returned to your carrier were there any other carriers in Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any vehicles parked on both sides of Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I don't remember [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED] .I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 26th April, 1979
commenced at 1.39 p.m.
finished at 1.41 p.m.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A. Leytonstone. 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you asked to produce your truncheons 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]

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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. That is the one. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Laytonstone Special Patrol Group
(Tel. 556 8855)

This statement,* consisting of 10 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 been in the Police Force for [REDACTED] years and with the S.P.G. for [REDACTED] years. I am currently attached to 3 unit. On Monday, 23rd April, 1979, there was an anti-nazi league demonstration at Southall where a meeting was planned by the National Front at the Town Hall. My unit with other S.P.G. Units was engaged at the demonstration. We were on duty at 12.30pm and then went to Feltham for refreshment at about 2pm. We left for Southall at about 3pm. I was in transit personnel carrier Uniform 19. The driver was [REDACTED] Operator [REDACTED], Crew members were [REDACTED] in charge of the whole unit in the front nearside seat. I was in the front offside seat. [REDACTED] were sitting elsewhere. We were met at Southall Park by the rest of our unit and were called into the Broadway where the crowd were attacking the Police cordon with

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]

various missiles. This would be about 4pm. I arrested a man after we had driven through the cordon. He was carrying a wooden stick. He also had a chain wrapped around his waist. There were other arrests at around that time and the prisoners were taken to Southall. I went with my prisoner to Wembley. I rejoined my unit at about 6.3pm in Broadway, Southall. We stopped outside Barretts shoe shop where windows had been smashed. The crowd were to the East of our carriers. I was with [REDACTED] employed stopping people going down an alleyway off Broadway on the South side. We were there for quite a long while. Our unit moved off for about ten minutes at one stage and later returned to pick us up. The atmosphere of the crowd was tense. I saw a petrol bomb thrown from the crowd which hit a private coach which was being used by a Police Serail. This coach was stationary at the time on the North side of Broadway almost opposite me. The vast majority of the crowd were Asian types. I saw no white men at this time. The coach became a target for missiles thrown from the crowd. The Police Cordon which had been across the Broadway between two Banks had dispersed to allow more room for the growing crowd. The coach was driven off and as it did so windows were smashed by the crowd throwing bricks at them. The coach drove past the Police Cordon near the Town Hall. My carrier then returned from the west of Broadway and picked [REDACTED] and me up. The crowd were becoming extremely tense and another crowd was forming at the top of Beachcroft Avenue in the Broadway. Our two vehicles then lined up abreast across Broadway and drove down westwards which made the

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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)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

crowd disperse as we went. We turned around some way up the road past Beechcroft Avenue and started to drive back, again abreast across the road. As we got just before the junction with Northcote Avenue we were subject to a barrage of bricks and other missiles. The windscreen of my carrier was broken in two places. We turned left into Northcote Avenue followed by Uniform 20 which stopped just a few yards into it. We stopped just in front. At this time we had been subject to bricks being thrown just like a rainstorm from three directions. From Beechcroft Road direction and East and West sides of Broadway. The carriers took a pounding. A private car a blue saloon, parked just inside, Northcote Avenue had the back windscreen smashed and the roof and boot were severely dented by the bricks thrown. We started to get out of the bus. I don't know who went first, but I was one of the first out. Almost immediately I noticed that [REDACTED] had been hit in the jaw and was being dragged back into our vehicle. [REDACTED] ordered sticks and shields and I took one of the three shields from our carrier. The other shields were taken by [REDACTED] and I think, [REDACTED] The system used in violent situation such as this is that three shields form a Protection for two or more other officers to shelter behind and make arrests as necessary. The shield men do not usually make arrests because the shields are very heavy. I believe we formed up into three shield teams (the shields of our third unit had been aboard our vehicle) and we advanced across the Broadway on [REDACTED] direction. My shield team went right to the West side of Broadway in the middle of the road, facing

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]

Broadway West. In my team were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (or whoever had the third shield) and myself. I don't know if others were behind our shields. A second shield team advanced in Broadway and stopped facing Beachcroft Avenue and the third team was facing east in the Broadway. The reason for this deployment was because missiles were being thrown from these three directions. There were only about 16 officers in all and we were surrounded by a large number of people. There were some hundreds and all appeared to be Asian types. They were extremely noisy and violent and I was apprehensive. The crowd in Broadway to the west dispersed mainly into the mouth of Beachcroft Avenue. All three shield teams then made a line across Beachcroft - not a solid line - but in three groups. My attention was called to a man in a mustard coloured jumper who was standing amongst the crowd at the front on the east side at the top of Beachcroft Avenue. He was Asian, aged about 24 years, 5' 10" and slim. I saw him throw something at one of the other shield teams. I didn't see where the object landed, I kept my eyes on the Asian. I had been told by [REDACTED] that he was the man who [REDACTED] meaning he was the man who had injured [REDACTED]. We were all standing across the junction protecting ourselves from missiles. Suddenly a Police carrier from one of the other units, I later saw to be no. 1 unit, come Eastwards along Broadway, travelling fast, its lights and blue light were on. A parking cone was jammed under the front of it and this was making a hell of a racket. It slewed around the corner into Beachcroft Avenue, very close to, or possibly across the corner of the pavement, scattering 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]

[REDACTED] had to jump out of the way. As it went down Beachcroft the two-tone horn was switched on. The crowd started to run away down Beachcroft Avenue. I believe my whole unit then ran after the crowd. I had kept my eye on the mustard coloured jumper and saw him run across Beachcroft onto the west pavement. I ran after him, carrying my shield, down the same pavement. [REDACTED] was immediately in front of me, [REDACTED] was also in front, both on the same side chasing the mustard jumpered Asian. There was another man close to the Asian running in the same direction. I later found him to be a white man. I had not previously noticed him. I was aware of other people running down the road, but I was not looking to the far side. I did not have my truncheon out at anytime. I have never drawn it in my life. I didn't notice any other officer with a truncheon in his hand at that time. At no time did I see anyone hit with a truncheon. As I ran down the street, I saw a number of people standing in the gateways or doorways, on the side of the street. The man with the mustard jumper turned right with the other man behind him at the bottom of Beachcroft into Orchard Avenue. I pursued them following [REDACTED] and other Officers including [REDACTED]. The Asian and his companion turned through the front pathway of the end house and round a side passageway out of sight. [REDACTED] followed, then [REDACTED] then myself. There was a white man standing on the front door step, inside the gateway of the end house. As I ran in I stopped and said "Who the hell are you?" He said, "I live here." I told him to go back inside. I saw him go up to the front door, but I didn't see it open, or see

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

him go inside. I then went round the side of the house and at the back in the back yard, I saw two P.C.'s holding the companion of the man in the mustard top. One held each of his arms. I realised then that it was a white man aged about early twenties, 5' 8", dark hair and wearing dark clothing. The two P.C.'s were strangers to me. They did not have shields. They did not have their truncheons out. [REDACTED] was also in the back yard, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There was a white girl aged about 19 - 20 years, long mousey brown hair, wearing a darkish jacket or coat. [REDACTED] spoke to her, she was crying, I don't know why. I could not see any signs of injury or bleeding on her. I spoke to [REDACTED] then. The Asian in the mustard jumper had gone out of sight somewhere. I cannot recall anyone else being in the garden. The two strange P.C.'s with the white man left first. The officers were holding the man's arms. He was not struggling. He had no signs of being injured. I came out with [REDACTED] and walked back up the pavement towards Beechcroft. The two P.C.'s had walked on ahead with the white man. I didn't see where they went. I can't remember where [REDACTED] got to at that stage. I didn't see the girl again. [REDACTED] was just behind [REDACTED] and myself. [REDACTED] could have been with him. I did not see anyone hit in the rear yard of the end house in Orchard Avenue. There was hardly anyone about in Orchard Avenue or Beechcroft Avenue apart from small groups of Asians in doorways in Beechcroft Avenue. We returned to our carrier which was parked in Northcote Avenue. I did not see any activity at all in Orchard Avenue junction Beechcroft Avenue on our way back. I

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]

cannot remember if the carrier which had driven down Beachcroft was still in the street. I remember most of the faces of Officers on 1 Unit, but cannot recall anyone from the carrier. I don't remember seeing anyone from that carrier. When we got back to the vehicle, we had a general chat about the incident. When I arrived back at the vehicle [REDACTED] was there, also [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was with me, [REDACTED] followed. The others then drifted back over a short period of time. It was roughly 8pm or shortly afterwards. The whole incident had taken about four or five minutes at most. [REDACTED] had arrived back at the carrier with an Asian Prisoner, just after my return to the vehicle. I didn't see the arrest, but [REDACTED] said he had arrested the man in Beachcroft Avenue for hitting him with a brick. I had not seen the Inspector and his prisoner on the way back to the carrier. I had not seen the Inspector at any time when we had run down Beachcroft Avenue. Before the advance I believe he had been sheltering behind the middle shield team. We had just one prisoner on my carrier. An ambulance then arrived for [REDACTED] I helped him to get in. I think the prisoner was transferred to the other carrier with [REDACTED]. We then drove west in Broadway to re-group at a filling station. Shortly after we were sent for snacks at a school.

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Dated the 4th day of June, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of the 4th May, 1979. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can clarify in more detail some of the matters referred to in my statement; There were 3 shield parties lined up in the Broadway at the junction of Beachcroft Avenue facing down towards Orchard Avenue. Each party was made up of 3 shields and I was in the centre of the right hand party facing down Beachcroft Avenue. [REDACTED] was on my right and although I can say that the 3 parties were made up of 3 unit officers I cannot say who in particular was there. I have marked on a plan showing the Broadway, Beachcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue, how the 3 shield parties formed up and the direction that I ran in when I ran down Beachcroft and into Orchard Avenue. I can say that when I returned to the Broadway I virtually retraced my steps. I produce a copy of this plan as Exhibit JB/1. It will be seen from this plan that

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

*Delete as applicable.

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1958, r. 58)

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

my movements down Beachcroft Avenue were confined to the West footway. I can say that none of the officers formed up with shields moved into Beachcroft Avenue before the 1 Unit carrier drove fast down Beachcroft. As we were formed up in the Broadway I seem to recollect seeing 2, 1 Unit carriers come along the Broadway but I only remember seeing the first one with the cone under it's wheels drive down Beachcroft. It drove some 50 yards or so ahead of us as we ran down Beachcroft but because my attention was taken up with not losing sight of the man in the mustard coloured jumper I did not notice if it stopped at all. I ran down Beachcroft as fast as I could which was not particularly quick as I was carrying a riot shield. I cannot or rather do not know the call sign of the Carrier that drove down Beachcroft ahead of us but I did the driver, [REDACTED] who is known to me. I cannot remember seeing anyone else on that Carrier that I know. As I ran down Beachcroft [REDACTED] was just in front of me. I was aware of other officers running as well but I did not notice who they were. I have been asked if I saw any Police Officers or demonstrators running towards us as we ran down Beachcroft Avenue and I did not. I turned right into Orchard Avenue and as I have said before I did not see any Carriers parked. As I turned into Orchard Avenue I was still behind [REDACTED] and I did not see any other officer until I went into the garden at no. 82 Orchard Avenue where I saw [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was there. I mentioned before about 2 Officers who were not know to me coming out of the garden with a prisoner as I went in. These Officers

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

are not known to me and I can say they were definitely not 3 Unit Officers as they are all known to me. I assumed they were 1 Unit Officers. I can say that these Officer were both Constables but I cannot remember what they looked like. The prisoner they had was as described in my previous statement and I cannot add anything to that except to say that he was untidily dressed as opposed to being smart. The officers walked off back towards Beachcroft with the prisoner but I did not see when they went. In the back garden at no. 82 I saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I cannot add anything to what I said in my previous statement about what I saw in that back garden but I can clarify what I meant when I said previous 'the Asian in the mustard jumper had gone out of sight somewhere'. In fact as I ran into the garden I saw him running through the garden next to no. 82, that is to say the garden to the left of no. 82. He was running in a Westerly direction. He ran through a back garden gate and was then lost from my view. When I spoke to the man who said he lived at no. 82. I was on my own and the other Officers were in the back garden. When I got into the back garden I think [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were standing near the fence looking towards the lad running away. The girl was standing on the left hand side of the yard near the end. She was crying. As I said I saw [REDACTED] go over and speak to her. I did not hear what was said because I was by then talking to [REDACTED] I cannot add anything to the description of the girl to that given in my previous statement. To the best of my recollection I left the

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 807

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

Continuation of statement of.....

yard at first with [REDACTED] I did not see where the girl or other officers went. I cannot remember seeing any other officers other than [REDACTED] as we walked up Orchard Avenue and Beachcroft back to our Carrier. I have mentioned the Officers already at the Carrier in my previous statement. I can say that very shortly after, after myself and [REDACTED] returned to the carrier [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to the Carrier with a Prisoner. The prisoner was Asian and had been arrested for hittin [REDACTED] with a brick. As far as I am aware they arrived at the carrier on foot I did not see any other Carrier. When I walked back up Beachcroft to our carrier I did not see any other officers walking towards us as the whole incident was as far as we were concerned over. In fact all I can remember is seeing a number of elderly Asians standing at their front doors on the left hand side as we walked up. The ambulance that conveyed [REDACTED] to hospital arrived at our carrier within 5 minutes of my return to the carrier.

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Interview of : [REDACTED]
by : [REDACTED]
at : Room 236, Southall Police Station
on : 24th April 1979. 8.58pm

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 [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.

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit.

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes.

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes.

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. No. 

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?


A. No. 




Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Yes. 

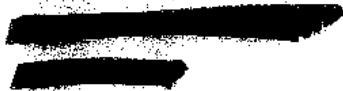

Q. Did anyone order you to draw your truncheon. If so, who?

A. I don't know. I just saw truncheons being drawn and I thought it advisable as bricks were being thrown and the crowds were very violent. 



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

A. There was a hail of bricks being thrown at us from the Broadway; bricks and bottles and some of the crowd we chased down Northcott Avenue were throwing stones at us. So we were in the middle.



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

A. Eventually when we managed to get a shield out of the carrier. Our carrier was the nearest to the junction. There was bricks and bottles being thrown at the carrier. I got the first shield out and went to the rear of the carrier which was the nearest point to the junction and used the shield to protect myself. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. I arrested two Asians in the Broadway. I did use my truncheon on one of them, as he was violent. I stayed with them until we were taken to Ealing Police Station. The prisoners were named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

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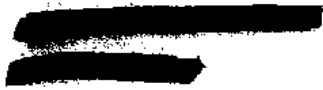
Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground?

A. No.

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

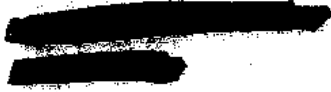
A. There was a lot of violence by a large number of Asians throwing housebricks and bottles. I saw no violence used by Police. 



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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. 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.




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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 asked.

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Interview of; [REDACTED]
3 Unit S.P.G. (JS)
by; [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)
Present [REDACTED]
at; Southall Police Station.
on; Tuesday 24th April 1979.
Commenced:- 7.55 p.m.
Terminated:- 8.40 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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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. 3 unit Leytonstone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. "Who was your sergeant and inspector?"

A. [REDACTED] Inspector [REDACTED]

Q. Were they actually in the carrier with you?

A. [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. We were travelling East on Broadway and turned left in Northcote.
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes. We all got out.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. We had shields on the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you take them out with you in Northcote Ave.?

A. Not immediately. When the bricks came over I issued them from the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not at that stage. [REDACTED]

Q. At what stage did you draw your truncheon?

A. After I'd issued the shields. I followed them across the road and drew my truncheon as I did. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No I didn't use my truncheon at anytime during any of the trouble.

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

A. Having issued the shields I heard [REDACTED] shout "Draw your truncheons" or something to that effect.

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

A. We were ordered to patrol up West along the Broadway. We moved off with U.19. I think it was and as we drove along we met a hail of bricks & bottles. This was in the Broadway. We turned round and came back towards Northcote Avenue being continually bombarded with bricks. We turned left into Northcote Avenue & stopped round the corner. We all got out & met a rain of bottles and bricks. I returned to the carrier & issued shields. At that stage [REDACTED] was hit in the face by a brick. The shield serial went across the road still being pelted with bricks. Another SPG carrier came East along the Broadway & turned right into Beechoroft Avenue splitting the crowd that was throwing the bricks into two factions. One shield serial in front of me then ran forward down Beechoroft Avenue and turned right into Orchard Avenue chasing Asians who had been throwing stones. I turned right into Orchard Avenue and some of the PC's were then coming back

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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from the dead end, saying that the culprits had run through the gardens. We then came back to an alley in Beechcroft Avenue where some people were identified & arrested for throwing bricks. I don't know which unit the third carrier was attached to.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put

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

A. Not put

[REDACTED]

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a.

2. Describe what happened in that situation?

1. Not put.

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

A. I saw somebody sitting on the pavement on the North East footway of Orchard Avenue. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you describe him?

A. No really. I think he had grey hair. It was as I ran back from the dead end towards Beechcroft Avenue. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know what happened to him?

A. I've no idea why he was sitting there or what happened to him afterwards. He was sitting on the pavement with his back against a garden wall. I didn't take much notice of him but he was not obviously ill or injured. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. You said that in Northcote Avenue that you were behind a shield serial. Where was that serial from?

A. That was the serial I issued shields to. [REDACTED]

Q. How many officers were on the carrier & how many shields did you issue?

A. There was about seven of us including the Skipper and I think I issued four shields. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you carrying a shield?

A. No. I wasn't [REDACTED]

Q. Where did the third carrier go to?

A. It stopped a bit before the junction of Orchard Avenue and the crew got out. [REDACTED]

Q. Did they have shields?

A. I don't know I ran past them on the opposite side of the road. [REDACTED]

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

A. There was an Asian wearing a yellow pullover that was identified as throwing several bricks, one of which had hit [REDACTED] in the face. He was amongst the group that had run through the dead end at Orchard Avenue. He was arrested by [REDACTED] Prior to crossing Broadway from Northcote Avenue I assisted [REDACTED] again to place an Asian in the carrier. I did not see any assaults or violence used by Police. The only violence I witnessed was the throwing of bricks and bottles at the carriers and us when we alighted. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [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. I think I've about covered anything I can think of. [REDACTED]

Q. With regard to the man sitting on the pavement in Orchard Avenue, did you see any police officers near him or can you suggest any reason for his actions.

A. I presume he was frightened and was sitting there to keep out of the way. There were police officers passing him but none stopped near him. [REDACTED]

Q. Was an attempt being made to clear Beechcroft Ave?

A. There was no need because they were all running in front of us. [REDACTED]

Q. What was your dress?

A. Full uniform, with helmet & overcoat. [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 there is nothing I can add. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Everybody who had got out with me was in front of me. I was on the right hand pavement of Beechcroft Avenue. I think most of our crew were on the pavement but I can't remember where they were. They all turned right into Orchard Avenue towards the dead-end.

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Interview of [REDACTED] (JS)
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 25.4.79
commenced at 5.50 p.m.
finished at 5.54 p.m.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A Leytonstone 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. [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 at the incident at about 8 p.m. at the Broadway. I did not use it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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carrier. I remember an alleyway at the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue which some people had run down after throwing a couple of missiles at us. I have looked at a map of the area and the alleyway is between numbers 71 and 73 Orchard Avenue. There were a few people in Beechcroft and quite a few standing about in the front gardens of the houses next to the alleyway in Orchard Avenue. They were Indian. We all got out but [REDACTED] told us to get back on the carriers, and he went down the alleyway with [REDACTED]. They came back shortly afterwards and I think that is when they found the crates of bricks. Both carriers did a 'U' turn and drove back up Beechcroft Avenue to the Broadway. We went west along the Broadway where we stopped at a garage and hid the crates. Both carriers then came east along the Broadway and drove as far as Alexandra Avenue where we turned around again and drove back west along the Broadway and as we passed the Beechcroft and Northcote junction the crowd started to hurl bricks and bottles at the carriers. People were on both sides of the road and it was a very large crowd. I saw one Asian with a multi-coloured anorak hurl one brick which hit a side window. He was on the north footway. Both carriers drove on a little way, swung around and drove back with the intention of arresting the man in the anorak. As we came back the crowd started hurling bottles and bricks at us again. Both carriers turned left into Northcote Avenue and my carrier followed Uniform 19 and both stopped about 10 or 15 yards from the junction. Some protection was provided by the buildings from the crowds in the Broadway. As we drove in a lot of Asians ran north along Northcote Avenue. I saw a man on the south footway of the Broadway, an Asian wearing a dark brown suede jacket, and another Asian wearing a yellow pullover, and both were throwing bricks. We were overcrowded in the

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

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

carrier and we all got out on to the west footway of Northcote Avenue and were met with a hail of bricks and bottles which were coming from the south footway of the Broadway. I then got back on the carrier and started to issue shields to those outside. At that moment I saw [REDACTED] whose face was a bit of mess with blood all over it. I was issuing shields out of the side door and I opened the door wide to give [REDACTED] some protection from the missiles that were still coming over. By this time the PC's with shields had crossed over to the south west corner of the junction and the crowd had broken up into smaller groups and many had started to run away. I ran across Broadway to join the rest of my unit, and I did not have a shield, a carrier from another unit was travelling east in the Broadway towards us. The blue light was going but I do not remember any horns but the crowd was extremely noisy and there was a lot of screaming and shouting. I do not remember more than one carrier coming towards us, but I do know that the carrier had a plastic bollard jammed under the front wheels. As I ran across the road the rest of my unit were in the road at the south western corner but I do not remember whether or not they were formed up in any shield formation. I saw [REDACTED] there he had a shield and was with the others who had shields. The carrier turned right into Beechcroft and turned in front of me. In fact I ran back to get out of its way. I do not remember any carrier behind the one that turned in and I do not think that there could have been because that is when I ran across the road. I do not remember seeing any officers other than my unit at the scene at that time. As the carrier turned into Beechcroft my unit started to run south in Beechcroft Avenue. The carrier did not stop near the Broadway end of Beechcroft Avenue but continued on down Beechcroft. As the

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]
 carrier turned into Beechcroft there had been a very large crowd there. I would say in excess of 100 people. They parted and some of the crowd ran south towards Orchard Avenue. At the moment that the carrier turned into Beechcroft Avenue some missiles were thrown from Beechcroft up towards the Broadway. Before the carrier turned right the crowd had been across the road in Beechcroft blocking it, and they were 20 to 30 yards south of the junction. I now think that the carrier had horns going because that was what started the crowd running. The lads in my unit had started running down Beechcroft chasing the crowd, who were running away as the carrier had turned into Beechcroft. The lads were ahead of the carrier, just slightly, they ran down and the front runners and the carrier arrived at the junction with Orchard Avenue at about the same time. I had run down behind the rest and I was about half way down when the rest and the carrier had reached the bottom. I was running along the west footway of Beechcroft Avenue. I had my truncheon drawn. I had a complete clear run but I remember that there was a group of about four or five people standing on the pavement outside the houses on my right. They were Asians, two women and three men, all aged about forty years, and they were standing side by side with their backs against the garden wall. My truncheon was in my right hand and I ran past them. There was plenty of room on the pavement. No way did I touch them at all and I made no attempt to move them on. As I ran down I did not notice any people on the other side of the road but I think there must have been. I was intent on catching up with the rest of the lads and I paid little attention as to what was going on on the other side of the road. I met with no resistance and I ran down. Nothing was thrown at me whilst I ran. I do not remember who the

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]

officers were in front of me but I thought that it was my crew. As far as I am aware all the officers who were running ahead of me on foot turned right into Orchard Avenue and I lost sight of them. The carrier had stopped near the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue. It had not quite entered Orchard Avenue. It was in the roadway at an angle of about 45 degrees to the road direction, with its nose pointing in towards the east kerb of Beechcroft Avenue. The front of the carrier was near the garden wall at the front of the house on that corner. By the time I arrived level with the carrier it was empty. I do not remember whether the driver was in it or not. As I turned the corner to go into Orchard Avenue, I saw a group of Asians on the opposite side of the road in the front gardens of what must be numbers 73 and 75 Orchard Avenue. They were just standing in the gardens. They were not throwing things, nor were they shouting, they were just standing there watching what was going on, I was aware of police officers running up and down the road in Orchard Avenue to my left but I did not see any people about. As I approached the corner down Beechcroft I did not notice anything being thrown at the carrier I did not see what happened to the crew of the carrier. I know that [REDACTED] was on board because when I got out of the carrier's way as it turned into Beechcroft from the Broadway, I saw him in the carrier. He was sitting in one of the nearside seats, either in the middle seat or the front passenger seat; that is in the body of the vehicle as opposed to the front cab. [REDACTED] is the only one on that unit that I know by sight. I could not say who else was on that carrier with him. I did not notice [REDACTED] at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue, nor did I see [REDACTED] there. When I got to the end of Beechcroft there were no bricks being

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. 59)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

thrown. The officers that were about at that junction I took no real notice of and I cannot say whether they had either truncheons or shields. I turned right and the road was completely empty in front of me. I ran a few paces up the road and stopped. I looked around and could not see any of my crew, nor any officers from 3 unit, but there were officers running about to the east of Beechcroft Avenue. The carrier was still on the corner but I cannot remember there being another carrier behind it. Then two or three officers came out from alley at the bottom of the cul-de-sac. They came out on the right hand side as I looked down the cul-de-sac. I was aware that [REDACTED] came but I do not remember who the others were. I do not remember whether anyone had a shield or whether anyone had a truncheon out. I was still carrying my truncheon. As I saw them coming back I did an about-turn and that is when I saw a white man sitting on the north pavement of Orchard Avenue at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue, with his back against the garden wall of the corner house, which is number 62 Orchard Avenue. I think he had grey bushy hair, looked about 40 years but I remember little else about him. I thought it strange that he was just sitting there as he did not appear to be injured. The carrier was still on the corner. I turned left and walked back up Beechcroft Avenue. I then saw [REDACTED] emerge from an alleyway on the west side of Beechcroft Avenue. He was holding on to the bloke in the yellow jumper who had been throwing bricks previously. [REDACTED] had another officer assisting him. I put my stick away when I started to return up Beechcroft Avenue. The group that came from the cul-de-sac had joined me in Beechcroft and someone said that we had to all get back on the carriers and re-group at the garage. When we got back to the carrier I helped put [REDACTED] in the ambulance, and as we got back to

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]

the carrier there was a group of white people standing on the south side of the Broadway a little way east of the junction with Beechcroft Avenue and they were shouting abuse at us. They were all white. There were about 10 or 12 of them and I particularly noticed one woman who shouted, 'I hope the pig dies'. She had brown hair long in a ponytail wearing a green anorak, or zipped jacket and blue jeans. She was aged about 25 years. We all ignored them and got back on the carriers. We then went up to the garage, but I do not remember which carrier I got on; it may have been Uniform 19. We stayed at the garage for about ten minutes then we drove back down the Broadway and the streets were virtually empty. The original situation at the Broadway at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue had been extremely violent in as much as that bricks and bottles were thrown at us. There were no National Front demonstrators anywhere nearby and the violence was aimed purely at the police. Apart from [REDACTED] I was not aware that any officer had received any injury at that incident. The incident had taken place in daylight. When I did an about-turn in Orchard Avenue and saw a carrier in Beechcroft Avenue I merely assumed that it was the same carrier that had been there before. I did not notice any other carrier in Beechcroft Avenue. In Orchard Avenue I saw no-one being led out by police and I did not get the impression that anyone had been arrested. When my unit was lined up at the top of Beechcroft Avenue facing the crowd, they were hostile throwing things at us, and we were totally outnumbered. The situation changed as the carrier approached. The line up was only a momentary thing, because as the carrier approached we were reinforced by that carrier and the crowd retreated. They started to run away from us and the missile-throwing stopped. The carrier approached the junction at some speed and I was

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]

not sure that it was going to turn into Beechcroft and as I was in its path I got out of the way, running back across the road. The carrier turned into Beechcroft with some speed and the crowd parted in front of it. The carrier went through the crowd so when it stopped there must have been people beside it. I did not see anyone fall over in Beechcroft Avenue. As I ran down Beechcroft Avenue I did not see anyone get hurt in any way. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Aged 32 years [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit Special Patrol Group
Levtonstone

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

Dated the 4th day of June, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of 4th May, 1979. I have been asked by [REDACTED] which officer I know on 1 Unit. The only one I know is [REDACTED]

I joined 3 Unit in about [REDACTED] and have been so employed since.

I have been asked to expand on my previous statement regarding the incident at Beachcroft Avenue. After passing out the shields to the other officers from 'Uniform 21' I ran over and took up a position near the right of the line. I believe [REDACTED] was near me but can't remember who else. I have been asked if I can now recall seeing a second carrier, I did not see one at any time. When the 1 Unit carrier arrived it had a cone under the

Signature [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]

front, I thought it was out of control because of the noise and feared that it would spin. I ran back out of the way across to the junction of Northcote Avenue I seem to recall that the carrier drove between the shield holders. The carrier drove straight on to the bottom of Beachcroft Avenue where it stopped at an angle with the nose facing the left kerb and the front about level with the house wall of no. 62 Orchard Avenue. By the time that I had got back across the Broadway into the entrance of Beachcroft Avenue I could see Officers near the bottom on the right and then saw them turn right and out of sight. I saw no P.C.'s or anybody for that matter coming up the street. I ran down the right pavement. I didn't notice anyone behind me as I ran down at a reasonable pace. As I've said, I stopped just round the corner and that's when I saw the man on the ground outside no. 62 Orchard Avenue. I am sure that the van was still in the position I've described. There was no one in it at all, not even the driver. In fact I recall that the drivers door was open I don't think the back doors were open at the same time I saw [REDACTED] the Cul de Sac come out from near the end on the right. He appeared to be perfectly casual and I assumed that there was no problem at that location, that is he appeared not to be in any urgency. In fact I saw [REDACTED] before I saw the man on the ground. There was nobody near the man on the ground. There were P.C.'s running about in Orchard Avenue to the left of the junction they didn't appear to be doing anything in particular. They were running in all directions and appeared to be

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]

at a loss as to what to do next. I didn't see him move and I didn't see anyone speak to him. I went back up Beachcroft Avenue. In addition to [REDACTED] should say that I saw other Officers at the Cul de Sac. I didn't notice anybody in particular. When I last saw [REDACTED] he was about 15 yards from the Cul de Sac coming towards me. When I went up Beachcroft Avenue I saw no P.C.'s coming down and can't recall seeing any going up in front of me. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I have made a mistake regarding the location that I previously stated that I saw [REDACTED] with the prisoner in the mustard jumper. My recollection is still the same. However, I could of course be wrong. When I got to the carrier there were a couple of P.C.'s already there. The ambulance was also there, although I did not see it arrive, and I did not see it pass me in Beachcroft Avenue. [REDACTED] was still in the carrier in Northcote Avenue, or I should say, as I got there they were just walking him out of Northcote Avenue towards the ambulance which was parked in the Broadway to the East of the junction.

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit, SEG JS
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April, 1979
commenced at 5.41 p.m.
finished at 5.43 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A Leytonstone. 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. As normal. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. On my prisoner - [REDACTED] (18 at XD) [REDACTED]

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

A. I showed the station officer at XD at the time. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number No. 3 Unit Special Patrol Group,
Leytonstone.
(Tele: 556 8855)

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

Dated the 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]
Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group nearly [REDACTED] years. It is my second tour with the group, I am a re-join to the force, having first entered the service in [REDACTED]. On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I started duty at 12.30pm and with Uniform 21, my transit carrier crew, I went to Feltham for refreshments. The crew were [REDACTED] (Driver), [REDACTED] (operator), [REDACTED]. The rest of our regular crew were not on the operation. We were sent to Southall at about 3.30pm. Over the R.T. I could hear Control sending out a number of Police Serials into Broadway to contain an unruly crowd. The calls were urgent. In my experience it was most unusual, since the meeting at the Town Hall, Southall was not due to start until about 7.30pm. We stopped by a park, in a lay-by, East of Southall until directed to go forward a few minutes later.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]
*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

When we arrived at the scene, there was a cordon of Police with riot shields, across the Broadway facing a crowd of Asian types to the West. The crowd were noisy and were throwing bricks and bottles at the cordon. There was quite a volume of objects, mainly bricks, being thrown through the air at the Police cordon. We were about to de-bus at that point, but were re-directed by [REDACTED] to drive through the Police Cordon into the hostile crowd. U. 19 was the first to drive through followed by us, the U.20. The crowd scattered as we went through. I could see a number of Asian youths with sticks in their hands, not banners definately sticks. I got out to arrest one, but another P.C., I believe [REDACTED] got to him first. I got back in my carrier, but most of the throwing had ceased. At some stage U.20 left the scene with the Prisoners, leaving just the two units. We parked in Broadway by a shoe shop which had a broken window. A 'C' Division shield serial set up a cordon in the Broadway to the west of the crowd to contain them. The crowd were restless. We assisted the 'C' Division cordon by de-bussing and filling the spaces. An 'M' Division Serial later joined us and the cordon moved further west to allow room for the growing crowd. Another crowd started to grow to the West of this cordon and at one stage we attempted to persuade these people to join the main crowd or to disperse. This was a vain attempt, because very few went through to join the main crowd. During this period I saw [REDACTED] arrest another Asian who had a screwdriver as an offensive weapon. The crowd were very restless at this time and tension built up. I saw two white girls in particular going back

Signed [REDACTED] signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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

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and forth between groups of Asians. It appeared to excite the groups into hostile behaviour. At about 6.30pm a large stone was thrown at the cordon from the crowd to the West. This was whilst we were trying to get them to disperse. [REDACTED] arrested this man who threw it. He was an Asian, named [REDACTED]. I assisted the arrest. I retrieved the stone as an exhibit. We then got back into our carriers. More bricks were thrown at us and we drove both vans down Beachcroft Avenue chasing a group of Asia youths. This was around 6.30pm. We turned right into Orchard Avenue, both vans, and had to reverse back, because it is a cul-de-sac. The youths had run away down a Passageway between the houses almost opposite (to the right) of the junction with Beachcroft in Orchard Avenue. Officers from U.19 chased down the Passageway after the youths - about 2 or 3 officers. They didn't return with prisoners. We then returned to Broadway. None of my crew had left the carrier in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenues. There had been no truncheons drawn and I saw nobody caught by any Police Officer. We had been in Broadway only a few minutes when someone drew the Inspectors attention to two milk crates filled with half house bricks, milk and whisky bottles on the pavement on the corner with Beachcroft Avenue. One was put in our carrier, I think by our Inspector. By this time we had about three officers from U 20 join our crew. We drove West in Broadway from the Town Hall direction, following U. 19, to drop off the milk crates at the rear of a garage out of the way. We returned back to Broadway and parked up again, facing west, by the shoe shop. The crowd to the west of us began throwing things again. The crowd were all around the two

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

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

Continuation of statement of.....

mouths of Beachcroft and Northcote Avenues. We drove the carriers, side by side, at about 25 - 30 mpw down Broadway in an attempt to disperse the stone throwers. The crowd split in two - one on the Beachcroft Avenue side, the other in Northcote. As we drove past we were pelted with bricks from both sides. At this time I saw a youth, I later arrested and found to be [REDACTED] aged 16 years, throw a large stone which hit our carrier. He was in Beachcroft. The carriers turned round further up Broadway and started back two abreast. It was about 8pm. As we approached Northcote junction we again received a hail of missiles from both crowds. Part of the crowd ran down Northcote. Our carrier turned into Northcote following U. 19. The barrage, including this time some bottles. My carrier stopped about 15 yards north in Northcote Avenue. We started to get out. I can't remember who got out first. I went to grab an Asian youth who was running back towards Broadway. He threw a punch at me and missed. I hit him with my fist in his face. I did not have my truncheon out. He continued to run away. Another Asian with a black turban on kicked me in the back of my right leg. I turned around and hit him with my fist. I knocked his turban off and he ran away. These two men were part of the crowd from Northcote. It was then that the volume of bricks increased. I was not hit. I did not see any other Police Officer hit. I was not injured at any time. U. 19 had gone further up the street. It either turned round and re-joined us, or backed down to us. The crowd started to reform in Northcote and we were in the middle of the two crowds. I used our carrier door as a shield and whilst there noticed one

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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Asian in particular - who I later arrested and know to be [REDACTED] throwing bricks and bottles from the corner of Northcote and Broadway (North east side). [REDACTED] handed me out a shield from our carrier - he didn't get out. I took the shield and positioned myself at the rear of the carrier facing Broadway and waited for my colleagues. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] joined me. I think they also had shields. [REDACTED] also joined us without a shield. I took my truncheon out at this stage. We moved out into Broadway towards the crowd in Broadway dn Beachcroft. As we did so I saw the Asian, [REDACTED] run East in Broadway. When we reached the centre of Broadway, under a hail of bricks, I saw [REDACTED] casually walk along and join another Asian by a shop on the south side of Broadway. I shouted to my group to go left which we did. As I got close to [REDACTED] I gave my shield to [REDACTED] and I snatched [REDACTED] out of the crowd. He struggled, he is a tall strong man for an Asian. With the assistance of another officer, who I can't remember, I dragged him over to my carrier. As we got there he struggled violently and refused to get in the van. I hit his arm with my truncheon to break his hold on the van door. I hit him numerous times on his left arm and hand. He just would not let go. Eventually he let go and I put him in the carrier. I got in the carrier with him. Another prisoner was put in the van with a P.C., but I can't remember the officers name. [REDACTED] moved the carrier back and forth. I then saw [REDACTED] who I had seen stone throwing earlier, and also throwing a brick in Northcote. He was in the Broadway on the North pavement to the west side of Northcote. There were other officers in the van at the time - not [REDACTED] - and I left my

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.....

prisoner to go and arrest [REDACTED] I put him in the van. A few minutes later I saw an ambulance arrive at the scene and saw [REDACTED] being placed into it. I could see he had a facial injury. As he was being placed in the Ambulance, the crowd in Beechcroft gave a celebration cheer. At no time did I see any of my crew advancing down Beachcroft. I remember the sound of a two-tone Police siren coming from Broadway West side. I saw a Police carrier turn into Beachcroft coming from the west. I think this was after my two arrests and before [REDACTED] was placed in the ambulance. I did not see how he came to get injured. I did not see any other Officer use his truncheon at any time. [REDACTED] was on U.19. No-one on my carrier were injured. I stayed in my carrier until after a few minutes we drove to a garage in Broadway west and took prisoners from U.19 onto our carrier. We then left the scene to go with the prisoners to Ealing. I didn't return to Southall.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth)
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... **No 3 Unit, Special Patrol Group**
Leytonstone
Tel 556 8855

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

Dated the 16th day of May .1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement made on 4th May 1979 I have been asked to elaborate on a number of points. I am fairly sure that it was 6.30pm or thereabout when our two Carriers U19 and U21 drove into Beechcroft Avenue. I recall that we turned left from the Broadway and straight into the bottom of Beechcroft. About 30 Asian youths who had been throwing missiles at the police cordon were running away in front of the carriers. I saw several of the youths run into the doorways of houses, which were obviously where they lived. I remember one particular door being open and two youths running indoors. It was about half way down on the left hand side of Beechcroft. When we arrived at the junction with Orchard Avenue we turned right and stopped about a few yards out of the junction. U19 had stopped a yard or two in front adjacent to the alleyway on the south side. I do not know the names of the 2 or 3 officers who got out of U19. I didn't notice who they were. They were only gone a minute down the passageway. I don't know if they were called back or just returned. They got straight back in U19. Both carriers then reversed back and drove up Beechcroft led

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

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

by which one of the carriers I do not know. I don't remember which direction we took in Broadway. Although I stated in my previous statement that an Asian kicked me in the back of my right leg, I received no visible injury. I did not report the matter as an injury. At no time after we had debussed in Northcote at about 8pm did I see any of my unit advancing on foot or in carriers down Beechcroft Avenue. They could have done, but I was busy with my prisoners and at 8.5pm when I arrested [REDACTED] got in the carrier with him and stayed there. I took little notice of the carrier which turned from the west of Broadway into Beechcroft. I did not see how fast it was going or whether it stopped or not. I can only remember that one carrier. I should stress that one carrier was being shunted back and forth by our driver because the prisoners were restless and struggling and the crowd were able to see this. By moving back and forth the crowd were prevented from seeing the prisoners and gathering round. I have since seen a newspaper picture of a man - Blair PEACH - who died. I do not recall seeing a man of that description on the day of the incident. Amongst the 30 Asians running away down Beechcroft at around 6.30pm I did not see any white person. Since the incident there have been a number of occasions when I have discussed the events with Unit colleagues, but at no time have I learned of any officer who could give any information which might indicate how Mr PEACH had received any injury that day. [REDACTED]

P2306

Interview of: [REDACTED]
attached to 3 unit at JS

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

at: Southall Police Station

on: 24th April 1979 at 8.50p.m.

also present Detective Sergeant [REDACTED]
attached to C.I.B.(2)
'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances

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

1. 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 [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 3 unit S.P.G. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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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 [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Yes I did [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. At that stage no. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your bruchson drawn?

A. No not immediately it
was drawn later [REDACTED]

Q. What stage did you have a protective shield

A. Two or three minutes
after we stopped the
carrier. We got out straight
away and then the order was
given to get the shields [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon at any time? [REDACTED]

A. No I never used my truncheon although
it was drawn. [REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] - I believe
about the same time that
the order was given to
draw shields. [REDACTED]

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

A. Very hostile . We were being showered by rocks and cans so much so that for my own protection I was forced to cover at the front of one of the carriers until the order was given for shield to be drawn. There was also a lot of shouting and jeering from the opposite side of the road. The situation was without doubt extremely hostile. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes I did with other
officers.

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

A. Not immediately because
the man in front of me gave
me his shield, and sprinted
across the road to arrest
someone. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was that P.C.?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. What happened then ?

A. I then followed the others into
Beechcroft Avenue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

C. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Before I entered Beechcroft Avenue one or two personal carriers entered Beechcroft Avenue, from my right they drive up to the top of the road I could see elements beginning to run away from Police. I gave chase for about thirty yards when I tripped and fell over my shield. I then picked up my shield and walked back towards the Broadway. I think I was joined by [REDACTED] and I think we then walked along the middle of the road, back to the carriers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see a man apparently injured or
incapable on the ground? when you were
in Beechcroft Avenue?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you any knowledge of
such a person being injured
in that road ?

A. Not that I can remember Sir -
No. [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. I only heard that one of our P.C.'s had been hurt when I had to cower in the front of the carrier. Although truncheons had been drawn I saw no violence by any police. [REDACTED]

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

A. No sir [REDACTED]

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

A. Nothing I can add
Sir

Q. How were you dressed at the time?

A. Full uniform, mack, protective helmet and gloves

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15.

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

A. I really cannot say
who was beside me I
just saw a mass of
running figures and I
believe [REDACTED] stayed
with injured officer . [REDACTED]

Interview terminated at 9.20 pm
on 24th April 1979. Answers recorded contemporaneously by me
[REDACTED]

I have read the (13) thirteen pages of questions
and answers and they are a true record of
the interview. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P2319

Interview of [REDACTED] 3 Unit JS
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April, 1979
commenced at 5.44 p.m.
finished at 5.45 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A JS 12.30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number ... [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth)
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to 3 Unit S.P.G. at Leytonstone
556 - 8855

This statement,* consisting of 11 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.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I paraded for duty at 12.30pm at J.S. I am attached to no. 3 unit Special Patrol Group under the supervision of and and I am attached to Carrier, call sign 'Uniform 19' and is the Sergeant in charge of this carrier. The other two carriers attached to our unit are call signs 'Uniform 20' and 'Uniform 21'. We travelled from Leytonstone to Feltham for operational feeding arriving at about 2.30pm after our meal we boarded the carriers and went to Southall parking in a lay-by in Lady Margaret Road. This would have been about 3.15pm. We could hear on the radio various calls from officers requiring urgent assistance. then directed the three carriers to go to the Broadway to give assistance. We drove along the Broadway going through various Police ranks with the intention of assisting foot

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

units. When we got to the last police serial in the Broadway I saw that they had their shields out and were being confronted by a large crowd of Asian. I believe there was some stone throwing going on and I believe it was at this stage that our witness first got hit and marked. The police ranks opened we drove through and scattered the demonstrators. We had the head lights on the siren on and the blue light on. When they saw us coming they just turned and ran. We then drove after them and split them up. There must have been about 2 or 3 hundred of them. They were mainly young Asians. We turned round and came back down the Broadway where at 3.50pm I arrested a white man named [REDACTED] for possessing an offensive weapon, namely a truncheon. I reboarded the carrier with the prisoner and took him to Southall Police Station. There was another prisoner on board who had been arrested on our way down the Broadway that was an Asian arrested by [REDACTED] and I left the carrier, with our prisoners and went with them to Wembley Police Station we were eventually picked up by [REDACTED] in the CP car and taken back to Southall Police Station. The time would have been about 7 o'clock. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and myself then walked along the Broadway until we came to and walked along a service road at the rear of the shops facing the Broadway we came back into the Broadway via a alleyway which went near to Barratts shoe shop which was where our carriers were parked facing towards Hayes. There were only two vans carriers present, we all sat in the vans keeping an eye on Barratts which had a broken window. One 'M' Division serial shield serial

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

was behind us nearer to the police station, by Alexandra Avenue. We then assisted the 'M' Division serial. The main bulk of demonstrators were on the Police Station side of the cordon but there were also Asians and whites behind us on the Hayes side. Eventually we were instructed to clear them back, which we did. At about this time somebody, I don't know who, was telling the Asians that if they wished to join the demonstration they could do so, otherwise they were to go home. It was tactically wrong. I believe that the word went round that the meeting had finished and [REDACTED] then instructed us to go on general patrol we boarded our carriers and started to drive off towards Hayes direction. It was at that time that an 'M' Division PC I believe he was a gaoler, he was a big lad, told [REDACTED] that there were some crates of rocks beside some Asian on the other side of the road. We either drove the short distance or walked and on a street corner, I'm not sure which, but it was either Beachcroft Avenue or Oswald Road, at the junction of the Broadway we found two orange milk crates filled with bottles and I believe and empty whisky bottle. There was a crowd of young Asians standing in front of them. We put one crate in our carrier and one in the other, we then drove along the Broadway until we came to a garage in the left hand side. The garage was closed. We put the crates behind the garage and left them. We then came back down the Broadway and turned left into Northcote Avenue, at that point I was sitting in the back seat of the carrier and we were the lead vehicle. I think [REDACTED] was the driver [REDACTED] the operator, [REDACTED] was in the front left hand seat, [REDACTED] was sitting in the rear off side seat, [REDACTED] was sitting in front of me in the centre nearside seat. [REDACTED] was sitting

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

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in the front offside aisle seat [redacted] and [redacted] were also on board and were sitting one next to [redacted] and the other two in the offside centre double seat. I don't know who was on the other carrier or what it's call sign was apart from the fact that I later saw [redacted] and [redacted] so I assume they were aboard it. I looked back to the other carrier and saw that it was being bombarded with rocks. I believe our vehicle was struck as well. I believe they stopped, we carried on to the junction turned and came back. They were parked near the junction with the Broadway and we parked nose to nose. A number of us got out of the carriers and generally chased or moved off the Asians that were grouping about nearby. Moments later we were returning to the vehicles when we were suddenly bombarded by rocks, bottles, stones so much so that I was forced to take shelter by the front of one of the carriers. It was at this point, I believe, that [redacted] was struck in the face with a brick. The order was then given by [redacted] to draw shields and truchcons. [redacted] was put into a carrier I believe it was ours and I believe that [redacted] was detailed to look after him. I then formed a shield unit with [redacted] behind [redacted] and I think another P.C. but cannot remember who. We stood at the junction of Northcote Avenue and the Broadway on the left hand corner facing the Broadway, to my right were another shield serial. I didn't see who was in it. We were being continually pelted with all sorts of things. We advanced towards Beachcroft Avenue, when [redacted] gave me his shield and sprinted forward and arrested a

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large Asian man standing on the footpath in a group. He dragged him back across the road to the carrier. The other shield unit had also advanced across the junction parallel with us. The people throwing things at us were initially on either side of Beachcroft Avenue near the top, but as we advanced they retreated to about halfway down the Avenue. As they retreated they were still throwing things at us. I then heard one or two carriers coming towards us from the Hayes direction. They had the two-tone horn on and the blue lights flashing. The lead vehicle appeared to have a traffic cone wedged under it and it was making a lot of noise. It was a blue SPG carrier but I don't know which unit it belonged to. It was travelling at about 15-20 mph. I think I might have waved it on and I seem to recall others doing so. The carrier turned into Beachcroft Avenue and as they swung in I saw Asian elements on both sides of Beachcroft Avenue begin to run towards Orchard Avenue and I also believe that some made their way into the gardens in Beachcroft Avenue. I believe that the stone throwing stopped when the people started running. At that moment I was still in the Broadway and most of my unit were either level with me or behind me. I'm pretty certain that some were in front of me. I saw the carrier go down Beachcroft and I believe they stopped or at least, the one I could see stopped about three quarters of the way down on the left hand side. I was watching the effect that it had on the Asians some went into gardens and some ran towards Orchard Avenue it was very confusing. They just scattered. I saw some PC's get out of the side and back doors of the carrier I don't remember if they were carrying shields

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but I believe that some were carrying truncheons. I didn't specifically see any person being hit or arrested. When the two carriers arrived there were about 20 to 30 people on either side of Beechcroft Avenue. There are the ones that scattered. After the two vans had stopped my unit then started to run down after them including myself. I was probably just behind the others and of course, was still carrying a shield. I honestly cannot place any of my unit from there on. I had drawn my truncheon but did not use it at all. I was running down the centre of the road when I was caught off balance by an officer chasing an Asian, I collided with one of them and fell. I fell on top of my shield and winded myself. This was probably at about the spot that I had seen the carrier parked, but by this time it had moved on. In fact I am sure there was no van in the street when I fell over. I picked myself up and saw that things were quiet, so I made my way back to the Broadway. When I got up I was joined by [redacted] about half way up Beachcroft Avenue. There were Asians standing in the gardens on either side of the road. Going back a bit when we were chasing the Asian down the road, all I can remember is that I saw backs of P.C.'s I don't remember any of them in particular. They were in pursuit of the Asians who were generally about 30 yards in front. The one involved in the incident where I fell over was being chased back up the street I don't know who the P.C. was. When I got up, after about a moment, I looked around but did not see any of my unit although there were a couple of P.C.'s who were beginning to walk back towards the Broadway. There were one or two Asians in the

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street still. As I remember there was no police vehicles in Beachcroft Avenue. I did not go any further down Beachcroft Avenue than the spot I fell, that is, about three quarters of the way down. As I could see no members of my unit I walked back towards the Broadway. I met [REDACTED] about halfway up on the right hand side. We obviously had a conversation but I don't remember what. I don't know where he come from. We went into the Broadway and turned left there we were joined by [REDACTED] who pointed out an Asian in a leather coat whom we searched, with a negative result. I believe we then walked back to Northcote Avenue, where the carriers were still parked and it was at this time that the ambulance arrived to take [REDACTED]. All the officers were back at the carrier at this stage and we drove to the garage that we visited previously to re-group. There was a prisoner on board, an Asian who had been arrested by [REDACTED] who was off one of the other carriers on the unit. He was put in our carrier at the garage. I can't remember where I sat on the carrier going to the garage and I can't remember where anyone else sat, but I do remember at the garage sitting on the governors seat at the front of the van. [REDACTED] was still driving [REDACTED] was operating. I don't remember where anyone else was sitting. We then drove to Southall Police Station or I believe we did, but we ultimately ended up snacking at a school. This would have been at about 9 o'clock. After this we did a general patrol, nothing in particular occurred, I believe we went to Uxbridge regarding a prisoner and at about midnight we were dismissed at Southall. I have seen photographs of Blair PEACH

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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]

in the newspapers and have been asked if I saw him at any time on Monday 23rd April, 1979, I did not see him anywhere. I've thought very carefully about when I got up. I can say that none of the Officer present had divisional markings. There were no divisional Officers near at the time it was just S.P.G. I noticed no white people in Beachcroft Avenue when we were running. From general conversation with my colleagues since the incident, no-one on our unit was concerned with the death of PEACH. None of them have said that they saw it occur. On reflection I believe I've made a mistake about crewing, [REDACTED] was driving and [REDACTED] was operator. I know [REDACTED] of 1 Unit by sight and I also know some of the P.C.'s by sight but not by name. [REDACTED]