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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of _____
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 50 years _____
Occupation of Witness Police Constable _____
Address and Telephone Number Carter Street Police Station
292 Walworth Road SE17

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 May, 1979

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

On Monday 23rd April 1979 at 1.30pm at Carter Street Police Station

I paraded under Inspector _____ for duty at Southall. We were serial 79 and shared a coach with serial 78 under Inspector _____. We left Carter Street and went to Feltham where we had a main meal. At about 3.40pm we went to Southall and parked up near a railway bridge. I was told that I was to be the wireless operator and to remain on the coach whenever the serials were called out. We remained at this location for some time and were then told to go to Southall and collect Shields and to go to the Broadway. We arrived at the Broadway and I saw that a heavy cordon including horses had been thrown across it, holding back a large noisy and violent crowd of demonstrators. We were directed to go to the other side of this crowd. We did this by driving through the various streets until we arrived in the Broadway on the other side of the demonstrators. The serials got off the coach and made their way towards the crowd. I

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was told to take the coach further back. I told the driver and we reversed back about 100 yards. We were then about 400 yards from our serial. I sat and chatted to the driver keeping an eye on the passing crowd. Just after 7pm, 2 boys both RC1 and aged about 11-12 years, tapped on the coach door and informed me that a group of Indian youths were gathering up empty milk bottles and putting them into crates on the corner of a nearby street. I looked out and saw that this was happening as they had stated. I decided that I should contact my serial for assistance. I looked along Broadway to see where they were and discovered that they were no longer facing the other way but had joined up with the other cordon and were now facing towards me. The crowd of demonstrators were now growing larger between the cordon and myself on the coach. I was about to inform control what was happening when two SFG carriers turned out of a side street between us and the cordon they turned left towards us. I got out and stopped the leading carrier and told them about the milk bottles. I returned to the coach looked out and watched as the P.C.'s from the carrier took the crates from the youths and placed them on the carrier. They then drove off down Broadway away from the demonstration. The crowd then appeared to get larger and I told the driver that we should be ready to move as I did not like the look of things. I then went to the rear of the coach to see what sort of a crowd was behind it. Everything appeared to be alright if noisy. I was making my way back and about half way along when I heard a bang and the sound of glass shattering. I turned round and saw that one rear window was smashed and the other one shattering as a brick came through it. I ordered the driver to start up. I looked towards the rear again and saw an Indian youth about 1

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years with a wispy beard and wearing a red coloured turban throw something towards the rear end of the coach. I heard a bang and then saw a pool of flaming liquid spread across the pavement in the nearside rear of the coach. I shouted to the driver to sound his horn and drive through the crowd towards the cordon. I then informed control what had happened and what I was doing. The time then must have been about 8pm. As we drove through the crowd we were bombarded with missiles and I later found dents on the side of the coach. The driver stopped the coach in the middle of the cordon and I was direct to go further back to the rear and wait. An inspector appeared later and took details of the damage. We cleaned the coach of broken glass and waited for instructions. At about 9.30pm we started to pick up our serials and eventually went for coffee at about 10pm. We then remained on reserve until dismissed. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 45 [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness Police Sergeant [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number [REDACTED]

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Dated the 9th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I reported for duty at MOD, Feltham and took charge of serial number 97 with reference to an operation order in respect of a proposed demonstration to be held later at Southall. I paraded at 2.30pm and briefed my serial, we were then operationally fed at Feltham and after repairs to the coach, which had a puncture, at 4pm we arrived at the rear of the Conservative Club, Southall at 4.20pm where we were put on reserves. At 4.30pm we were directed by R/T to assist at a serious disturbance at Broadway junction with Greenford Avenue. On arrival there was a very large crowd being policed by a cordon of officers. The roadway was littered with debris, stones, pieces of concrete, bottles and cans. We debussed with shields and were used to reinforce the cordon. There were spasmodic outbreaks of throwing by persons in the crowd and this time apart from the usual missiles, bags of curry powder were also thrown. We were stationary for a long time probably about 2½ hours. Due to the size and density of

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of the crowd and our close proximity to it, it was not possible to see if or how it was being policed at the rear. We moved forwards a few yards at a time later as the crowd moved backwards, a number of people were arrested by officers and brought through the cordon to the coach at the rear. The advance was very slow and when we were stationary about 15 yards from the junction with St Georges Avenue a number of people about 15 to 20 appeared on a flat roof to our right over the shops at the corner of Broadway and St Georges Avenue. Commander [REDACTED] on seeing the possible danger ordered my serial together with others to advance past the junction and I sent men to clear the roof. After this incident there was another lull in the crowd, then a large private coach started coming through the crowd towards us, there was a lot of screaming and shouting from the crowd and missiles were hurled at the coach. The driver was crouched in his seat with his arm up to protect his head. Some of the windows of the coach were smashed and the crowd was extremely violent. We immediately moved forward a few more yards to enable the coach to get through and I saw at least two policemen with blood on their faces. After this incident the crowd quietened again but later began to get very restless and missiles became more frequent. I think it must have been 8.15 - 8.45pm when the mood of the crowd became very ugly indeed. We could hear them smashing shop windows and glass from the windows was being hurled at us as well as the usual bricks, etc. I saw some youths ripping a waste bin from its stand and throw it at the front of the police cordon, people were screaming and the violence was far worse than before. Commander [REDACTED] ordered an advance. At this time my serial came to the front of the police cordon with shields, we were in the centre of the road to our

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left was a shield serial from I believe 'C' District. To our right was another shield serial from I think 'M' District. There were others behind us. As we started to advance I could see we were approaching cross roads. I asked 'C' District serial to do a left manoeuvre into the street I now know to be Northcote Avenue and 'M' District serial do a right one into what I now know to be Beechcroft Avenue. My serial was to continue across the junction in Broadway and stop after clearing the junction. All three serials moved very fast into the junction effectively splitting the crowd into three parts. My serial stopped some 10 yards past the junction. The crowd having been split, were far less violent due to their lack of numbers. At this stage about 1 minute after the above move I went back to the junction to check on the serials that had gone right and left, each serial was correctly positioned about 10 yards into the junction forming a stationary cordon. I could see a few people in the roadways beyond the cordons but they were just standing around. There was a great deal of damage to the shop windows and at least one car in Northcote Avenue. We held the cordons in this position for about 20 minutes and by then the crowd had completely dispersed. At 9.15pm we were relieved for snacks. We returned at 9.30pm and took up position as a cordon in Broadway near the junction with Oswald Road. At 10pm we were embussed and remained in Broadway until we were directed to return to XS for dismissal. During the steady advance prior to the cross roads incident, two members of my serial made arrests and at 7.30pm [redacted] reported an injury to his calf, when he had been hit by a missile, details of these incidents are included on Form 3166 (Book A8/10) which I produce as an exhibit CWF/1. The only time I entered Beechcroft Avenue was to check that the 'C' District cordon was correctly deployed about 10 yards into

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the junction. At no time did I go down Beechcroft Avenue or into Orchard Avenue.

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Hackney Police Station

2 Lower Clapton Road,

Hackney E 488 7111

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 4th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday the 23rd April, 1979 I paraded for duty at 3pm at Feltham M.O.D. I was the Officer in charge of serial 98 which consisted 3 other Sergeants and 18 Police Constables. All the Officers on this serial were shield training instructors. After we paraded at Feltham we had a meal and at 4pm left by Police coach for the car park of the Conservative Club Southall where we arrived at approximately 4.20pm. There I reported to Chief Superintendent

[REDACTED] At 4.30pm we were sent to the Broadway Southall where together with other shield serials we were debussed with shields to form a cordon across the Broadway at the junction with Greenford Avenue "A". At this time the crowd were very noisy and were throwing bags of curry powder, bricks, bottles, coins and other pieces of masonry at us. We moved forward with the shields and the crowd retreated up the Broadway towards St. George's Avenue. They continued to throw articles at the police cordon. The crowd consisted

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mainly of Asian's with a few whites. The crowd stopped retreating and a line of uniform Officers from D and G Division were placed in front of my part of the cordon. The crowd attempted on several occasions to break through the cordon but were unable to do so and several arrests were made. The shield cordon was at this stage about 10 yards behind the first police cordon. The crowd was slowly pushed up the Broadway and several shop windows were broken by the Asians and others in the crowd who continued to throw articles at the police cordons and on one occasion several tins of soup were thrown. The Police advanced, past St. George's Avenue towards Alexandre Avenue and there it came to a halt. After a long interval the crowd started slowly to disperse my serial was then ordered to go through the demonstrators to Alexandre Avenue and block off the junction with Alexandre Avenue and The Broadway. This was done without any trouble. We remained there until 8.25pm when we were sent to Greenford Avenue to take snacks. At this time the crowd were dispersing a moving away from the area at 8.35pm we were asked to return to the Broadway junction Alexandre Avenue this we did at 8.35pm to find that youths had broken a great number of shop windows. We stayed at this location and the immediate vicinity to prevent looting of shops until keyholders of shops arrived. At 10pm we embussed at this location until released at 12.30am. One arrest was made by an Officer of my serial namely [REDACTED] attached to Brixton Police Station of a demonstrator [REDACTED] who was taken to QA Harrow Police Station. At no time did myself or any members of my serial enter Herbert Road Orchard Avenue or Beechcroft Road. I produce as

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exhibit RW 2 the plan of the Broadway Southall and Greenford
Avenue. I also produce as exhibit RW 1 form A8/10.

Signed

Signature witnessed by

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Statement of _____

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

Occupation of Witness _____

Address and Telephone Number Hackney Police Station

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 19th day of June, 1979.

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

Further to my statement dated 4th May 1979 I would like to add that during the evening of 23rd April 1979 when I was in charge of a shield serial at Broadway, when we moved west along the Broadway neither I or my serial went any further west than Alexandra Avenue. We had slowly pushed along the Broadway from the direction of the Town Hall clearing it of demonstrators. Our cordon came to a halt just past Safeways Store which is just west of St. Georges Avenue. Whilst the cordon was halted there I noticed Commander _____ and his Inspector and Chief Superintendent _____ were present and Superintendent _____ as on the roof of a shop on the north side from where he was directing operations and pointing out those that were throwing objects at us. My serial and another serial under _____ made up the shield cordon across the Broadway. About 10 yards in front of us were another cordon made up of officers without shields from 'G' and 'D' Districts and others from elsewhere. I noticed Inspector

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[REDACTED]alking through the crowd towards us followed by his serial carrying shields. They came from the direction of Alexandra Avenue junction with Broadway. About this time I cannot recall if it was before or after, I saw a Grey-Green coach being driven through the crowd towards us. I saw the near window had been smashed and the cordon parted to allow it through. It drove through the crowd quite fast and the demonstrators scattered. Following this the crowd appeared to quieten down and gaps started to appear and my serial was ordered to walk through the crowd and form a cordon across Alexandra Avenue where it meets the Broadway. We walked along the south side of Broadway and I saw [REDACTED] of SPG standing near the middle of the junction. I saw his carrier parked on the north side just past Alexandra Avenue. I spoke to [REDACTED] but cannot recall what was said. There were other members of the SPG on the corner at that time but as we arrived they got into their carrier and drove off along the Broadway westwards. We remained at this junction for 15 to 20 minutes or so and at no time did any of my serial go further west along the Broadway. I did not see [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at Alexandra Avenue, when I spoke to [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 27 years [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number c/o Brixton Police Station
..... 367 Brixton Road,
..... London, S.W.9.

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 30th day of April, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday, 23rd April 1979 I was on duty in full uniform as the [REDACTED] in charge of serial 73 of Operation Order 100/79, composed of officers attached to Brixton Police Station. The serials was conveyed to ground assigned in a large coach, believed hired from Grey-Green Coach Company and it was shared between serial 73 and serial 74 which was under [REDACTED] attached to Kennington Police Station.

At 3.15 p.m. both serial 73 and 74 took up positions on ground assigned, which was in front of a parade of shops on the west side of South Road approximately 100 yards south of Southall Town Hall. As crowds of Indians gathered, positions along South Road were altered but at approximately 4. 0 p.m. serial 73 was spaced out along a 50-yard section of South Road,

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lining the street. The number of Indian and West Indian demonstrators built up and these groups were moved by officers of serial 73 south along South Road up to the junction with Beaconsfield Road. Serial 73 was joined by serial 74 and other serials from 'H', 'M' Districts. The crowd of Indians built up and South Road was blocked completely. Serial 73 and other serials formed a cordon across South Road at this point. At 6.30 p.m. the demonstrators were asked to leave, they remained and several arrests were made by officers from serial 73 and 74 and taken to AR. The remainder of serial 73 moved those that had not been arrested across the railway bridge to the junction of South Road and Bridge Road. A cordon was formed on both sides of the road stopping pedestrian traffic from moving north in the direction of the Town Hall. At approximately 8.0 p.m. we were relieved by another serial and took snacks at a mobile police canteen in South Road just north of the junction with Beaconsfield Road. At approximately 8.50 p.m. X-ray Control requested that the remnants of serial 73 and 74 now under my control, as [REDACTED] had made an arrest and was at Cannon Row Police Station, report to [REDACTED] in the Broadway. The coach was driven to the Broadway where I met [REDACTED] who requested that our serial go into a side street off the Broadway and try to 'flush out' the demonstrators who were throwing stones, bricks and bottles at the shield serials who had formed cordons at

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the junction in the Broadway. I could see pieces of bricks, broken bottles and stones in the road and many shop windows had been broken. I took our coach down Orchard Road off the Broadway where it was parked approximately 100 yards past the first right-hand bend. Orchard Road runs into Beechcroft Road and the two form a U-shape. Although the road was dark I saw large numbers of youths running into houses and down the apparent numerous alleys in Orchard Road. Officers from serial 73 and 74 went down the alleys and brought out some Asian youths aged 14, 15 and 16 years old. Three large orange plastic milk crates full of empty milk bottles were found in the road and these were loaded onto the coach. Approximately 30-40 Asians and a couple of West Indians were moved up Beechcroft Road until a shield cordon formed by 'C' District officers was met at the junction with the Broadway. We did not encounter any violence from these youths, nor was any force needed to move them up Beechcroft Road. No truncheons were drawn and the Asians themselves showed no resentment towards police. Serial 73 and 74 then formed a cordon across Beechcroft Road keeping the Asians and the West Indians between serial 73 and 74 and the shield serial in the Broadway. Directives were obtained from X-ray Control to keep them contained. I then questioned those contained to establish what they were doing in Beechcroft Road. None of those questioned lived in Beechcroft Road, and their reasons for being in the road were not plausible. Since no evidence

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was forthcoming from the officers who had had missiles thrown at them, and no evidence for arrest was seen by officers of serial 73 and 74, gradually over a period of three-quarters of an hour they were allowed to leave. They were questioned as to their address and some were escorted home, others were escorted part of the way. When the area was clear the shield serial was withdrawn. The coach was brought up to the junction with the Broadway and the serial remained at the junction until directed for snacks in South Road at 10.30 p.m. During the later period no more Asians were seen. The people inside the cordon formed in Beechcroft Road were of all ages. The officers on serial 73 were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many of these officers due to arrests were not at Beechcroft Road.

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Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number [REDACTED]
 Tower Bridge Police Station
 Tooley Street. SE 1.
 407. 6213.

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

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979, I was the [REDACTED] in charge of Serial 78 aid to 'X' Division. My serial consisted of two Sergeants and twenty P.Cs. We paraded at Tower Bridge 'MT' at 1.45pm and were conveyed by private coach to Feltham M.O.D. for a main meal arriving at about 3p.m. After the main meal we went to the ground assigned, South Road, Southall arriving at 4.30pm. On arrival at South Road I saw [REDACTED] who directed me to de-bus my serial and move a number of Asians south from a car park in South Road to the junction with Beaconsfield Road, 'A' on exhibit MT/1. At about 4.50p.m. we returned to the coach to await further instructions. At about 5.15pm we were directed by 'X-ray' control to Southall 'XS' to collect shields. We were then re-directed to go to Broadway near the junction with Herbert Road and report our arrival to [REDACTED]. My serial arrived at Broadway at 5.30pm and leaving my serial on the coach I reported to [REDACTED] who was [REDACTED].

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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standing behind a cordon of shield serials. I saw a large crowd in Broadway west of the cordon, it was very noisy but the cordon seemed to be containing them. See 'B' exhibit MT/1. [REDACTED] directed me to take my serial to re-inforce other shield carrying serials forming a cordon at Broadway junction with Alexandra Avenue see 'C' exhibit MT/1. It was necessary to drive round the side streets to get to this location and I think the route taken was by way of Lady Margaret Road, Carlyle Avenue and Dane Road. On arrival at the Broadway at about 6pm I stopped the coach about 20 yards West of Alexandra Avenue and de-bussed my serial with shields. I instructed [REDACTED] to remain with the coach. I saw two or three SPG carriers parked in Broadway a few yards west of Alexandra Avenue and two or three serials of shield carrying officers forming a cordon across The Broadway at the junction with Alexandra Avenue. A shoe-shop window on the south side of The Broadway near the junction was broken and the footway at this point was thick with broken glass. My serial joined the cordon in the mouth of Alexandra Avenue and I instructed them to prevent demonstrators from walking through the cordon but if they wished to leave the location to go by way of Alexandra Avenue. Within a short while a large crowd started to gather behind our serials and I became concerned for the safety of the officers forming the cordon whose backs were exposed to attack. I detached several officers from the cordon and directed them to move these people west along The Broadway. This was only partially successful and the crowd behind us grew larger. I believe that one of the Inspectors in the cordon reported this situation to X-ray control because we were instructed

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to allow the people behind us to pass through the cordon but to prevent them from returning back through the cordon. The crowd in front of the cordon then became aggressive and another large crowd began to build up behind the cordon once again. One of the Inspectors with a shield then forced his way through the crowd to go to the cordon at Herbert Road to report the situation to [REDACTED]. This Inspector was jostled and abused but managed to reach the cordon. After a few minutes I received directions by personal radio to re-join the cordon at Herbert Road. Before leaving Alexandra Avenue I instructed the coach driver to reverse west along the Broadway away from the crowd and to await instructions. I then took my serial along the north footway of the Broadway through the crowd to the cordon at Herbert Road. The crowd was very hostile but none of my serial was injured. On arrival at Herbert Road my serial was placed behind the shield serials already in position, behind my serial was a mounted serial. I estimate the time was about 6.45pm. A large number of missiles were thrown by the crowd in front of the cordon and I saw a glass bottle smash underneath a police horse which shied in terror. I left my serial together on the north side of the Broadway and was directed by [REDACTED] to take my serial back to Alexandra Avenue where police required urgent assistance. My serial began to form up when I saw a coach being driven through the crowd. I could hear banging and heard glass shattering. As the coach came nearer I realised that it was my coach. The cordon opened to let it through and I saw that the rear windows had been shattered. The coach continued along Broadway and I did not see it again until about 10pm. My serial and I began to walk towards Alexandra Avenue and the crowd

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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slowly began to fall back in front of us. As I neared Alexandra Avenue I could see blue lights flashing on the carriers and I noticed several windows of shops broken. When I reached Alexandra Avenue there were only middle-aged and elderly Asians on the footway and a senior officer, I think a Superintendent said that no further assistance was required. We re-formed and I took my serial back towards Herbert Road. From that time until 9.55pm my serial stayed in The Broadway. Small groups of youths were smashing shop windows and eventually The Broadway was cleared of people from the Town Hall to about Dane Road where a cordon was formed. At 9.55pm we were directed to take snacks at Shackleton Road school. After this I embussed my serial and remained on the coach until dismissed at 11.27pm. I produce form 3166 as exhibit MT/2. At no time was I in Herbert Road, Orchard or Beachcroft Avenue and to the best of my knowledge neither was any of my serial.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 45 [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number B6(2) Branch
New Scotland Yard
Tel: 230 2604

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 27th day of April, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23 April 1979, I was employed as late-turn observer on the police helicopter, a Bell 47, which is owned by ALAN MANN HELICOPTERS LIMITED and was being piloted by Captain [REDACTED]

Our assignment for this tour of duty was to patrol the Southall area and give situation reports in connection with the Anti-National Front demonstration that was taking place near the Town Hall.

After a brief patrol of the area between 1700 hours and 1720 hours we flew to Westland Heliport, Battersea to refuel the aircraft.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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We took off from Westland Heliport and flew direct to the Southall area where I commenced to give situation reports over the police radio network.

At about 1945 hours I saw a large section of demonstrators, possibly fifty to sixty people, running away from the main body of demonstrators in the Broadway and go down Beechcroft Avenue and into Orchard Avenue. They were being chased at this stage by a small number of police officers whom I assumed were members of the Special Patrol Group, because I could see blue transit vehicles parked in the Broadway and Northcote Avenue. Because we were flying in a circle, albeit very slowly, I lost sight of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue for a period and when it came into view again I noticed that the police officers who had run down Beechcroft Avenue, had retreated to the junction with the Broadway, where they were forming into a straight line with their shields facing the demonstrators. The line consisted of about twelve to fifteen officers.

At this stage some of the demonstrators in Beechcroft Avenue were running towards the police line, throwing something at them and then running back towards Orchard Avenue. In both Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue the demonstrators were running in all directions, through gardens, over the bonnets of vehicles, and generally creating what I would describe as a serious

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disturbance, particularly at the junction of Beechcroft and Orchard Avenues.

I then saw the line of police officers with shields make a charge down Beechcroft Avenue in an effort to disperse the demonstrators, however, immediately after this the scene of the disturbance passed out of our view. During this time I endeavoured to keep the Police Control Room informed of what I had seen, but because of the amount of communication over the radio channels my reports were extremely brief.

On over-flying the streets concerned again, I saw two Special Patrol Group Transit vehicles parked in Beechcroft Avenue and I noticed that several demonstrators had been arrested and were being put into the vehicles. I also noticed that a number of demonstrators were running along Orchard Avenue towards Herbert Avenue, but what puzzled me was that a large number of demonstrators seemed to have disappeared, presumably they were hiding or had run into the houses.

At this point I was requested to fly over Southall Park where another incident had occurred and when we returned to the Orchard Avenue/Beechcroft Avenue area, there was no sign of any demonstrators and the situation appeared to be under control in that area.

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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) 34 [REDACTED]
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number Bow Street Police Station
 Bow Street WC2
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This statement,* consisting of 1 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 3rd day of May 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was the [REDACTED] Shield
 Serial 104 which consisted of the Inspector, three Sergeants and
 twenty constables (including one woman police constable), as detailed
 on Exhibit RAJ/1, which is the Form 3166 (Book A8/10). At 1.35pm that
 day my serial and myself took our main meal at Feltham and paraded on
 the ground assigned at South Road, Southall at 2.15pm. We remained
 embussed until 2.30pm when we were directed to sweep a section of
 the Broadway with shields and then form a cordon at Broadway junction
 with Greenford Avenue which we did. We then proceeded to North Road
 at 4.15pm and then to Highfield Road junction with Park View at
 4.30pm where we remained embussed on reserve. At 5.30pm we were
 deployed to form a cordon with shields at Broadway junction with South
 Road. We then took snacks at the mobile canteen and moved on foot to a
 point further south in South Road where there is an iron bridge near
 the junction with Park Avenue. At 7.05 pm we were re-embussed at

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

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South Road junction with the Broadway. At 7.50pm we were deployed to sweep a section of the Broadway from somewhere near where we were embussed westwards past the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. There were several groups of Asian youths throwing stones and breaking shop and car windows. I saw no arrests made at this stage as the youths ran away west up the Broadway in the face of advancing shields. They were not pursued. We then halted and were eventually told, I think by [REDACTED] to pull back to the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. Here we were to prevent any demonstrators making their way back into Broadway from Beechcroft Avenue. The full serial was deployed without shields across this junction by about 8pm. They are represented by the line marked 'A' on the map, Exhibit RAJ/2. Two other serials were also deployed at 'B' and 'C' on the map. I can't remember the serial numbers of the divisions from which these serials were drawn. Between the two lines of police at 'A' and 'B' were a group of about 12 Asians, some of whom were demonstrators and some of whom claimed to want to get to their houses or cars nearby. Where this was established, they were escorted to their destinations by a police officer. The rest were contained at the junction. These demonstrators were already at or near the junction when we arrived - I saw no other demonstrators or police running or generally moving down Beechcroft Avenue towards the junction with Broadway. The number of Asians at our cordon gradually depleted as some were escorted away to their homes, etc. By about 10pm we were ordered to release the group into Broadway and we then embussed at the junction. After about half an hour we went by coach to the mobile canteen in South Road where we remained embussed until we were dismissed at 11.15pm by X-ray Control. One prisoner was arrested at 3.45pm as per page 7

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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of Exhibit RAJ/1. At no time did any of my serial draw truncheons nor did I see any other police officers draw them. Shields were deployed on all four occasions that my serial were deployed, though on the fourth occasion at the junction of Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue they were immediately returned to the coach and the cordon joined without them. This cordon was not broken to allow any police vehicles or other officers through. Indeed none of my officers or myself went further down Beechcroft Avenue than the junction with Broadway; nor did any of us go into Orchard Avenue or Herbert Road.

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

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number Bow Street Police Station
..... Bow Street WC2
..... 434 5422

This statement,* consisting of 7 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 21 day of May 19 79

Signed
Signature witnessed by

Further to my statement on 3 May 1979 I have been further questioned about the movements of my serial, Serial 104 in the Broadway, Southall 23 April 1979 from 7.50pm onwards and I would like to add the following whilst our coach was parked in South Road just south of the traffic light junction with the Broadway, I heard a call over the air to the effect that urgent assistance was required to a coach in the Broadway being attacked by demonstrators. I have an impression that the same message also contained a reference to a fire bomb which had been thrown at the coach. It was a few minutes after this that we drove round left into the Broadway and I saw parked in the middle of the road a private coach which was apparently abandoned. I debussed my serial just east of the abandoned coach ordered shields to be unloaded and then went to investigate the abandoned coach. There was no person on board the coach it was not under attack, but I did notice that either a side window or the back windows was broken. There was a police cordon furtho

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west of the coach about 50 yards away. I walked forward to the cordon and stood behind the cordon on the south footway, waiting to be deployed. We waited there for about ten or fifteen minutes and then the order was given for shield serials to be deployed to sweep the Broadway in a westerly direction and disperse the demonstrators who could be seen smashing shop windows. I was aware that there was another 'C' District shield serial on my right and there were other shield serials present but I do not know who they were. [REDACTED], the shield training instructor was also present. He lined the shield serials up across the road and the order was given to advance. I think [REDACTED] from Vine Street, was also present at the extreme right of the line. We trudged slowly forward and on reaching the junction with Beechcroft Avenue two of my shield units turned left into that junction under the direction of [REDACTED]. A shield unit is made up of three men with shields and two back-up men behind them. The three shields interlock and the two back-up men hold on to the man in front to form something like a rugby scrum. I continued west along the Broadway with the remainder of my serial and the other 'C' District serial for at least another three junctions. During this whole movement the police line did not come under attack as the crowd ran away as we advanced. When I eventually stopped in the Broadway I could see well ahead of me some SPG carriers with their blue lights flashing. They were stationary and at that time it was dark. I seem to remember that someone had put a call out over the air asking for some support to go behind the crowd in the Broadway and cut them off. When the SPG carriers arrived and stopped the crowd that was running towards the carriers stopped and then ran into the streets on either side of the road. All was then quiet so I retreated to Beechcroft Avenue where I remained with the

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

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rest of my serial. My two were still there with their shields forming a cordon across the junction. My coach had by this time arrived nearby in the Broadway and the order was given for the shields to be put away. My officers were still across Beechcroft Avenue when some little while later another serial arrived in Beechcroft Avenue from the south. I believe they were from 'L' District and had arrived by coach. I would like to clarify the point in my previous statement where on page 2 I said that I saw no other demonstrators or police running down Beechcroft Avenue. By this I mean that when I first arrived at the junction and passed it for the first time this was the case. Then later when I withdrew to Beechcroft Avenue again I still saw no-one running away or police chasing after them. The only people I saw, other than my shield units were a dozen or so persons who were standing south of my shield units and then the 'L' District serial that came up behind them. The only SPG carriers I saw were the ones already described in the far distance west of my position. As said in my previous statement to my knowledge none of my officers went down Beechcroft Avenue. My original statement was made after I contacted CIB(2) in response to a A5 message sent out from Southall. At the time I made that statement I had no idea that my serial could possibly have been in the vicinity of the location where the man Blair PEACH was supposed to have been injured. At no time had there been any contact between police and the demonstrators at this time and as I said in my previous statement at no time during this period, ie 8pm when we first came into the Broadway and 11pm when we eventually left, were truncheons drawn. Both my statements have been made after reference to my Form 3166 (A8) exhibit RAJ/1, but I would stress that the times shown on the form are approximate as we were not wearing watches. They had been removed as

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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we had been warned that the Force would not entertain claims for damage to personal property.

After making my first statement and on returning to Bow Street having realised that my serial may have been at the location at the time Blair PEACH was injured, I spoke to one and possibly two of my officers who were part of the shield unit who were instructed to hold Beechcroft Avenue at the junction with the Broadway. I was trying to establish whether any of these officers or indeed, any police vehicles or ambulances had gone into or come out of Beechcroft Avenue in my absence. They stated quite categorically that no police officer had gone south of the junction and until the arrival of the 'L' District coach no police vehicle had been in that road. The two officers I spoke to were PC [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Obviously this incident has been freely discussed in 'C' District in the canteens at both Bow Street and Trenchard Section House and it is common knowledge within 'C' District that 'C' District officers were present at or near the location where Blair PEACH was injured at the material time. To my knowledge I do not recollect having discussed this topic with any specific SPG officer. However, I will say that SPG officers are frequently in Bow Street police station, particularly when they use the canteen. They often attend the court next to the station and recently the SPG have attended the canteen for operational feeding. [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....
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Occupation of Witness.....
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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 2nd day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was in charge of two sergeants and twenty constables from Marylebone Police Station we were collectively known as serial number 28. We paraded for duty at Paddington Green Police Station at 12.30pm then we went by coach to the ministry of Defence site at Feltham where we had a meal. At 3pm we arrived by coach at South Road Junction with the Broadway, Southall and were immediately deployed to move a group of 40 to 50 Asian youths who were standing on the North West and South-West corners of the junction and overcrowding into the roadway in front of traffic. Assisted by Officers from serial 27 under..... my officers moved the youths westwards from the junction for a distance of about 15 - 20 yards then formed a cordon on the north and South footway to prevent them returning and disrupting traffic at the junction. At this time East/West Traffic was still flowing in the Broadway.

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

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At 3.15pm I was standing on the South footway behind the cordon of my officers. I heard a scuffle behind me and saw two officers leading away an Asian youth. Suddenly an Asian, who I now know to be [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Southall, charged between two of my officers in the cordon and jumped on the back of one of the officers with the Asian prisoner. I grabbed hold of [REDACTED] and as I pulled him off the officer's back he punched me on the jaw and shoulder. I struggled with him for a few seconds and arrested him for assaulting me in the execution of my duty.

I placed [REDACTED] in a police Transit Van in South Road in the care of [REDACTED] one of my officers, who had also arrested someone. I then returned to the Cordon. During the next 20 to 30 minutes there were several scuffles between officers on the cordon and Asian youths who were jostling and pushing the cordon. The east/west traffic was then stopped and our cordons were extended right across the Broadway from building line to building line. By this time the crowd of Asians had swollen considerably and filled the road in front of the Police cordon I saw a London Transport bus caught in the crowd as it travelled east in the Broadway. I could see several Asian youths on the top deck of the bus. I saw them kicking the bus windows into the crowd. [REDACTED] and several P.C.s boarded the bus which passed through the cordon and drove off eastwards towards Ealing. Suddenly the crowd began throwing bricks stones and bottles at the Police cordon. A great number of missiles were thrown inside a few minutes. I also saw red powder being thrown in Officers faces. After about 10 or 15 minutes officers with pro-

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

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tective shields arrived and the missiles stopped. Our cordon then moved westwards and took up a position at the east side of the junction with Herbert Road. The crowd retreated past the west side of the junction. I noticed that there was a large number of bricks and bricks littering the roadway and I instructed some of my officers to pick them up and place them behind the cordon in order that they could not be used again. I saw that a garden wall on the west side of Herbert Road had been damaged and a number of bricks were missing from it. A small crowd of Asians collected in Herbert Road a few minutes later and were dispersed by officers from another serial. Our cordon was then moved westwards to the west side of Herbert Road so that the junction was behind the cordon. For some time the crowd went quiet and no missiles were thrown then a few missiles were thrown from the direction of the rear of the crowd. I heard glass smashing which appeared to come from the direction of the co-op store at number 40, the Broadway. At this time the crowd was standing close to the cordon which had been re-inforced at the rear by other serials and mounted Police. We were ordered to move the cordon slowly forward so that the Co-op would be behind the Police line. This we accomplished with only a small number of missiles being thrown. I noticed that a window had been broken at the co-op. Some missiles were then thrown from St. Georges Avenue and I saw some men on a flat roof at the north west corner of the junction. We were ordered forward again towards the junction with St. Georges Avenue. As we were going forward I was struck on the head by a brick. This cut my scalp and within a few

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minutes I left the scene and went by ambulance to Ealing Hospital. This was about 6.15pm. Before going to the hospital I was given First Aid at the St. Johns Ambulance Post situated in High Street about 5 minutes walk from the cordon. On being released from hospital I went to Ealing Police Station from where I went by Police car to Hayes Police Station where I was present at 9.23pm when [REDACTED] was charged I travelled back to the Broadway by Police car arriving there about 10.15pm. At this time the crowd had dispersed and officers from my serial were in groups guarding the many broken windows. About 45 minutes later we returned to Southall Police Station and went off duty. On a plan which I have labelled DJ/1 I have shown the locations of the various cordons by marking them in red. The official form on which I showed details of the serial, I have labelled DJ/2. I produce DJ/1 and DJ/2 in evidence other than the occasion when I entered Herbert Road to examine the damaged wall I was not in Herbert Road again nor was I in Orchard Avenue or Beechcroft Avenue.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....

Over 21

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

Occupation of Witness.....

Address and Telephone Number..... Harrow Road Police Station

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Dated the 2nd day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was on duty in uniform as [REDACTED] Serial 29 on A.8 Operation Order 100/79 performing duty on aid to 'X' District in connection with a public meeting held by the National Front at the Town Hall, Southall. My serial consisted of three P.S.'s and twenty P.C.'s, which included a W.P.O. R/T operator and goaler P.S. This serial did not carry shields. I paraded for duty at 1.30 pm at Harrow Road Police Station and after briefing my serial I travelled by private hire coach, linked with Serial 30, to the M.O.D. Establishment at Feltham, arriving at 2.45 pm. After collecting a personal radio and portable main R/T set, I took a main meal until 3.30 pm. I then

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travelled with my serial to my ground assigned, The Broadway, Southall, junction with Greenford Avenue, arriving at 4 pm. On my arrival I formed a cordon across the Broadway at the junction with Greenford Avenue, together with Serials 27, 28 and 30. My instructions were to allow no persons or vehicles to pass that cordon from the west. At the time of putting in the cordon there were very few members of the public in the area, but shortly afterwards a crowd gathered on the west side, demanding to be allowed through in order to demonstrate outside the Town Hall. They were not permitted to do this. They became aggressive towards police and a large group ran at the cordon, attempting to break through by force of numbers and launching assaults on police. The cordon held and some arrests were made. At the same time a variety of missiles fell upon police and demonstrators alike. They took the form of pieces of brick, broken beer bottles, glass marbles and paper bags filled with curry powder. The crowd were repelled by the cordon and pushed west until the cordon was level with the eastern building line of the junction with Herbert Road. On several occasions the demonstrators tried to break through the cordon and on each occasion their attempt was accompanied by the throwing of missiles. At one stage several shield bearing serials were positioned between the cordon and the crowd and other non-shield serials arrived to reinforce the cordon. The cordon remained in this position until members of the demonstrators broke a large window of the

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Co-operative Store which was on the north side of the Broadway. From that area, pieces of broken plate glass were thrown at the police cordon. The crowd were therefore pushed further west in order to clear that area to prevent looting and for the protection of police. As a result, the cordon was moved to a point just east of Georges Avenue and remained so until several of the crowd were seen climbing onto the flat roof of a shop on the north side of The Broadway, just west of Georges Avenue. On each occasion that the crowd were moved further westwards, they became more anti-police. They were claiming that it was part of the police strategy to move them further away from the Town Hall. Attacks on the cordon continued throughout the afternoon and evening until about 9.00pm, when many of the crowd began drifting away, leaving about 100 - 150 at the scene. At one stage, prior to this exodus, I saw a column of smoke, in the Broadway, about 200 - 300 yards west of my position. I then saw a private hire coach with a civilian driver, and one or two police officers on board, travelling from the area of the smoke, in an easterly direction towards the back of the crowd in front of me. On reaching the demonstrators it came to a standstill until the crowd began beating on the sides and front and surrounding it. It then moved forward through the crowd and the police cordon, to safety. I noticed that its' rear window was smashed. When passing through the crowd, its speed was moderate and although the crowd reacted hostilely, there had been no danger

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caused to them. At about 9.00 pm several police officers on foot approached the rear of the crowd, or what remained of it, from the west. They continued until they reached my cordon, then turned and began walking westwards again, shepherding demonstrators before them. I cannot say who these officers were or who was in charge of them. During this clearing operation I saw no violence used on either side and I did not see a drawn truncheon. At no time during the entire event did I see a drawn truncheon. I saw several police officers in the cordon being charged, pushed, punched and abused and the majority of those persons arrested fought fiercely to avoid detention. Whilst police action was firm and positive, I saw no incident involving unnecessary force or violence on the part of police. Although officers of my serial were in the front line of the cordon and therefore close physical contact with the crowd, for most of the event, I saw no incidents of provocative or violent behaviour by them towards the crowd. When the stragglers were cleared from the street at about 9.00 pm, my cordon remained. I saw those stragglers shepherded westwards for a few hundred yards and then I heard the sound of smashing windows from that direction. This was in the vicinity of Beech Avenue and Oswald Road. My serial, with others forming the cordon, then ran in that direction. Several police were already on scene including units of the Special Patrol Group, but by the time I arrived, the demonstrators had been dispersed into side roads, leaving

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

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behind them several broken windows. My serial then remained at The Broadway, junction with Oswald Road until about 9.30pm when I was directed to take my serial for snacks at the mobile police canteen in Shackleton Road. Because my coach was not available, the serial walked to Shackleton Road, and after snacks, walked to our coach which was parked in Uxbridge Road, outside the White Hart, public house. The serial remained en-bussed until 11.26 pm when we were dismissed and returned to Harrow Road. The following officer of my serial reported an injury at the time; [REDACTED] attached to Harrow Road, bruised cheek and concussion at 6.30 pm in The Broadway, struck by demonstrator during an attack on the cordon. The officer was seen by [REDACTED] Divisional Surgeon at Harrow Police Station. Assailant was [REDACTED] arrested and charged, QA/42 refers, witnessed by [REDACTED]. The following day, [REDACTED] was placed sick with a swollen leg following a kick by a demonstrator. The following items of police property were lost. At 6.15pm - The Broadway, loss of helmet by [REDACTED] at 6.15 pm, The Broadway, loss of helmet by [REDACTED] At 4pm, the Broadway, loss of truncheon by [REDACTED] This truncheon was not drawn, but fell to the ground through a hole in the officer's pocket during a violent struggle. Although searched for, it could not be found. I submit this statement as Exhibit JH/1. In relation to the attitude of the demonstrators towards police,

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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it is fair to say that there were many present who were of a peaceful disposition and were obviously against violence being used. Several appeals were made by individuals for attacks on the police cordon to cease.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Witnessed: [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
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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 19th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was [REDACTED]

a shield trained serial consisting of three Sergeants, nineteen Police Constables and one Woman Police Constable who were employed as aid to 'X' Division on operation order 100. The serial paraded for duty, at 1.30pm at Wood Green Police Station, and then moved to Feltham Depot for refreshments, arriving at 3.15pm and leaving about 4.30pm. The serial arrived on the ground assigned at 5.00pm which was the Conservative car park at the back of the Town Hall. At 5.15pm we were called to the Broadway to assist the units already there. Upon my arrival I noticed that there were about 300-400 coloured persons, mainly Asians, ahead of us who were chanting slogans and waving their fists, and banners, the slogans appeared to be directed against the National Front movement. I deployed my men with shields at the rear of the cordon in front of us for

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

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about ten minutes, when we were told to return to the Conservative car park on reserve. At 5.30pm, we were instructed to go to Southall Police Station and there form a cordon. Upon my arrival I noticed a large crowd of about 500 people mainly Asians or West Indians, who were chanting slogans, against the National Front and Nazis, and who were waving their fists and carrying banners. We were deployed with other serials at the junction of High Street and Park View Road at about 6.00pm a vast number of bricks, stones, bottles, smoke flares and other objects were thrown at us, and I saw several police officers hit and some had to be carried away by other officers.

I was instructed to move my serial towards the crowd and disperse them, as we moved towards Uxbridge Road, a vast volume of bricks, stones, bottles, smoke flares, and paint was thrown at the rear and side of us, from a large house near the North West corner of Park View Road and High Street. I was instructed to try and reach the house and arrest those responsible for the throwing of the bricks etc. I noticed that there were shield serials from other divisions with us. Due to the fact that, the outside garden gates were locked and there was a high wall surrounding the house, it took several minutes for the officers to enter the house and make arrest. While the officers were entering the house, I saw in addition to bricks and stones being thrown at police, items of furniture such as chairs and also sheets of glass being thrown at police from the upstairs windows.

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I also saw several smoke bombs and cans of paint being dropped on the heads of Police officers. Whilst at the house, I arrested one youth [REDACTED] for offensive weapon and conveyed him to a police coach, where I handed him over to the Sergeant in charge of the coach. I returned back to the house to find my serial. There were still isolated cases of brick throwing taking place, and I noticed several cars had been damaged and debris scattered over the road. At about 8.15pm we were sent to Dane Road, junction with Broadway, to assist re a cordon. Upon my arrival, I noticed large groups of coloured persons being moved along the Broadway by Police, they were shouting and on occasions jostling with officers. I saw a large amount of debris in the road, mainly broken banners, bricks and stones. We patrolled the Broadway until returning to the Conservative car park on reserve at 9.00pm. At 9.50pm we were sent to Lady Margaret Road junction with Ruislip Road to await the dispersal of the National front meeting. We remained there until about 12.30am, 24.4.79, when we went to Southall Police Station and we were dismissed at 1.00am. I noticed that all the officers who were employed using shields had varying degrees of paint on their helmets, trousers, raincoats boots and gloves, [REDACTED] also reported to me that he had lost his helmet. [REDACTED] reported that at about 6.30pm in Park View Road, he had been hit by bricks and had sustained bruising to his neck, arms, and back.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth)..... Over 21
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Hammersmith Police Station
..... 741 6441

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 3rd day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was the..... Serial
105 which consisted of three Sergeants and twenty one police
Constables, we were a shield serial and on duty as aid to 'X' District

The serial paraded for duty at Hammersmith and then was conveyed by
police coach to the Ministry of Defence Establishment at Feltham for
refreshments where we arrived at about 2.00pm.

We were delayed at Feltham with a defective vehicle but I was
informed by the officer in charge of my serial to attend Avenue Road
and await directions when the vehicle was repaired.

Whilst on route to Avenue Road over the radio I heard calls for
assistance to Greenford Avenue but we were too far away to offer
assistance which was cancelled before we arrived in Southall.

Signed..... Signature witnessed by..... 19

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

I therefore continued to Avenue Road but no reserve was there so I went to the Broadway junction with Greenford Avenue where I saw my sector Commander and was told to remain with his other serials.

We remained there until 6.00pm when we were directed to South Road junction with the Crescent.

Shortly after our arrival a large number of demonstrators were arrested not my my serial and the prisoners and the arresting officer were placed in our new empty coach. This then conveyed them to West End Central and did not return until about 10.00pm with [redacted] and [redacted]

The remainder of my serial remained at the above location until about 8. pm when I was directed to report to [redacted] in Southall Broadway. This we did.

I was directed by [redacted] to assist in forming a cordon outside Safeway store across the Broadway. My serial was at the back of the cordon and I did not see at this point any violence or disturbance. After about half an hour the tension eased. I gathered my serial u overhanging wall, it by now was raining slightly outside Safeways store. There we remained for about fifteen minutes.

There was then shouting heard and the smashing of glass. My serial immediately re-formed and this time they were in the front line. I was able then to see a large group of coloured youths about 100-150 yards away further down the road. I saw dustbins being tipped over

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

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

several shop windows smashed.

My serial with others began to move forward with the others in line across the road, missiles were thrown towards us and I heard the smash of these shop windows. However, the faster we moved forward the faster the youths in front retreated although others in their midst still breaking windows as they retreated.

We advanced as far as Oswald Road and there held the cordon.

The youths began to regroup but shortly afterwards I saw about three Special Patrol Group carriers with their blue lights flashing come off a side road behind the youths. The youths then fled, mainly into the side roads to the right.

There we remained until 10pm when we were picked up by our coach and taken to Greenford Avenue for a break.

Although we returned to Oswald Road junction with the Broadway at a 10.15pm we were only there about half an hour when we were told to near to Southall police station to await dismissal.

Except for the coach PS and [REDACTED] my serial was with me at all times. At no time did my officers draw their truncheons or were they involved in any incident where injury was caused to them or by them. At no time did any of my serial enter Herbert Road or Beechcroft A

I produce form 31 & Exhibit PG/1 which I and my Goaler Sergeant

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1957, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 68)

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completed on 23rd April 1979.

I also produce a map of the area Exhibit PG/2 on which I have marked
the letter 'A' the final cordon. [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number..... Golders Green Police Station
 1069, Finchley Road, NW 11
 Q1-200-2504

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 May, 19 79

Signed

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was on duty in Uniform in charge of 3 Sergeants and 21 Constables employed as aid to 'X' District to assist at a political meeting at Southall Town Hall which is situated at the junction of Lady Margaret Road and High Street, Southall. After briefing the officers under my control we went to Ministry of Defence Feltham prior to taking up our section in Lady Margaret Road. On leaving Feltham we made our way towards Lady Margaret Road. By this time I had a personal radio and a Force R/T set. From the messages being transmitted it became obvious that serious disorders were breaking out in the area of Southall Town Hall and due to heavy traffic, many of the coaches were unable to reach their destination in time. In view of this I rerouted my coach to go to Greenford Avenue to assist other officers. On my arrival I instructed my officers

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

*Delete as applicable.

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

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to seal off Greenford Avenue at its junction with Uxbridge Road to assist in crowd control. At that time I saw a number of officers carrying protective shields moving towards an extremely vociferous and angry crowd of demonstrators who were throwing bricks, stones and large pieces of wood at the police officers. I maintained the cordon on Greenford Avenue from about 3.45 pm until 4.5pm. When some sort of order had been restored I took my serial back onto the coach and went to Lady Margaret Road to take over that part of the street which was assigned to my serial. We stayed at that location until about 6.10 pm I took my serial to the junction of the Broadway to assist in crowd control. On this occasion my serial was not required and we returned to our original position. For the next 1½ hours there were sporadic outbursts of violence and the noise of a hostile crowd could be clearly heard. At about 7.45 pm in response to a call on my radio and in company with three other serials. I was directed to go to Dave Road junction with Uxbridge Road with the apparent intention of forming a cordon at that junction. On route to the location through a large housing estate I saw groups of youngsters moving around the streets. On arrival at Dave Road I looked East towards the Town Hall and saw a police cordon but no crowd of demonstrators. The main Uxbridge Road was clear of disorders at this time. I contacted 'X' Ray Control and gave them a situation report and asked for directions since a cordon at this time would be entirely pointless. I was advised to split the serials into 2 and complete a street

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

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

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

search from Dave Road to Greenford Avenue. I split my serial down to 5 groups of 4 and instructed the other three Inspectors to do the same. I then told the two 'S' District serials to search the side streets on the north side of Uxbridge Road and the 2 other serials I believe from South London, to search the other side of the road. The search was completed by my officers and they were advised to meet at Greenford Avenue junction with the Uxbridge Road and wait for me there. I then checked the Uxbridge Road from Dave Road to Greenford Avenue. I noticed that the windows of a lot of business premises had been smashed and the roadway was littered with debris. I then rejoined my serial and we were released for snacks at about 9.30 pm. On finishing our snacks we returned to Lady Margaret Road on reserve until dismissed at 10.58 pm. A list of officers under my control is shown on the attached Form 3166 marked Exhibit JF/1. I would add that because of the anticipated disorders, officers were instructed not to wear watches or other valuables and in view of that the times shown in my Form A.8/10 maybe as much as 30 minutes later than shown. The times are purely approximate and the form was completed sometime later that day.

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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) 43 [REDACTED]
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number Kingston Police Station
Kingston
Surrey

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

Dated the 2nd day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was officer in charge of serial 48 from 'V' District employed as aid to 'X' division for a National Front meeting at Southall. I was a non-shield serial and initially, was directed to Lady Margaret Road arriving at about 4pm. My coach withdrew and my serial and I were on the west footway about 100 yards from the junction with Broadway. There were more serials to our right nearer Broadway who were deployed elsewhere at intervals so that each serial then moved up until, at about 6.30pm, my serial and I were at the junction with Broadway with instructions to prepare to support the serials on the cordon in Broadway which was about 75 yards west of the junction with Lady Margaret Road.

At intervals there were a number of prisoners being taken from the large crowd which was west of the cordon, and again, at intervals a number of missiles were thrown. At about 6.40pm a P.C. with a prisoner

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]

was coming towards me and I ran to his assistance but before I could reach him another officer joined him. I was then some 30 yard nearer the cordon and a Chief Superintendent directed me to go on to the roof of Safeways marked 'A' on the attached plan as the large crowd was immediately below this shop and those shown at 44 to 60 on the attached plan. The reason for this was to direct by radio officers to persons seen throwing missiles and to assess the general situation for the benefit of the officer in charge of the serials below, call sign metro 80. I instructed a P.C. to inform my serial P.S. of my position and went towards the cordon. As I neared it further missiles were thrown and one struck me on the right shin causing a deep gash which was later treated by St. Johns' Ambulance staff. I went to the rear of Safeways and followed two 'J' Division officers to the roof via a steel staircase. From this location I was able to see quite clearly not only the crowd but to both west and east for several hundred yards. At intervals during my period on the roof I was joined by [REDACTED] and I expressed concern to him that the shield serial to the west, by Alexandra Avenue had a considerable number of youths behind as well as in front and for this reason at some time about 7.10pm several were remitted through the shield serial to join the main body of demonstrators immediately below me. Also behind the serial, that is further west, was a private coach parked by the north kerb outside the National Insurance office numbers 68 to 74 on the plan. Opposite facing west were two blue SPG transits stationary with what appeared to be a full complement of men on both. At about 7.20pm [REDACTED] came on the roof and

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 53)

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I pointed out two uniformed officers who were standing by an alleyway almost opposite me, but behind the west Police cordon. Mr.

[REDACTED] agreed they were in a highly vulnerable position and directed me to find out who they were, and why they were there. I managed to call one over to immediately below me and saw he had C.O. on his shoulder. This P.C. Told me both were SPG and were directed to stay by the alley as there were bricks and rubble loose there. Mr.

[REDACTED] directed them to remain. My attention was next directed to the corner of Beechcroft Avenue and Broadway especially the north west corner, marked 'C' on the attached plan. There was a very large crowd of about 300 or more mostly asians who appeared very militant and hostile. There were no Police as far as I could see near them. I could only see the south side of the Broadway and the mouth of the junction with Beechcroft Avenue as there, was a high wall on my roof marked 'B' on the plan and I had to lean forward round it.

The time was then about 7.25pm and I contacted Metro 80 on my radio to point out the potentially dangerous situation I could see at the junction. Shortly after this the two SPG carriers moved off westward and passed by Beechcroft Avenue and a number of missiles were thrown as they passed. Again I repeated my message to metro 80 but this time I stated immediate action was necessary. Almost immediately the private coach previously mentioned drove at a fast speed east towards the west Police cordon who were obliged to part to allow him through. Whilst going through a large number of missiles were thrown at it. I was able to positively identify a young Asian throwing a brick, who was wearing a red and white bomber jacket. I directed officers

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]

to him but he ran west and turned into Alexandra Avenue. At this moment a SPG carrier arrived from westwards at this junction and officers commenced to disperse and arrest persons below me. I saw no undue force and no truncheons were drawn. I also saw one SPG carrier and possibly another draw up and attempt to disperse the crowd at Beechcroft Avenue. I saw a number of missiles thrown and heard glass breaking. There appeared to be a number of fights between Police and demonstrators also a number of arrests. At this stage which would be about 7.40pm the large crowd at Beechcroft avenue began to run away. Most went out of my sight into that road pursued by Police. A few ran towards me some of whom were arrested. I was too far from Beechcroft Avenue to see individual acts of violence and am unable to say whether Police Officers at that junction had truncheons drawn, but certainly within my view I could see no Officer with a drawn truncheon. Very soon after this uniformed officers began to disperse the crowd below me and at about 8pm I judged it was in hand sufficiently well enough to leave the roof and re-join my serial. This I did at about 8.30pm after first receiving treatment as stated. We remained embussed in Lady Margaret Road until dismissal at 23.24 when I completed my A8/10 and handed it in at Southall Police Station. I hereby produce my A8/10 marked as an exhibit PJF/1. I also produce the plan as an exhibit marked PJF/2.

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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) Over 21
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
Address and Telephone Number West End Central Police Station
27, Savile Row, W.1.
434 5151

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

Dated the 30th day of April, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was on duty in uniform as the

[REDACTED] Field Serial 103, employed on operation order 100/79 at Southall, Middlesex. I and my serial was first deployed between 3.45 - 4.10pm at the Broadway, Southall, junction with Greenford Avenue, when we were called out, deployed with shields, to cover a non-shield static police cordon which was formed across the Broadway at that point. On our arrival at the Broadway, the non shield static cordon was being pelted by missiles from a hostile crowd. I formed my serial up, and pushed them forward into the Broadway, and the missile throwing crowd ran off in front of us, throwing stones, pebbles, bricks and paper packets of curry powder at us. As we got to the junction of Herbert Road, the crowd split, some of them running straight on down the Broadway, others going to our left into Herbert Road. My serial was split by these movements; two shield units carried on in Uxbridge Road, whilst one section, which I followe

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]

turned left into Herbert Road. I remember a demolished garden wall on our right in Herbert Road and at one time, a youth throwing about six bricks, bonded together with cement, against the shields. All the throwers I had seen in the crowd were mainly young Asians, but one or two appeared to be white youths of the "Skinhead" type. I remember [REDACTED] being hit in the face by a missile, and seeing his face bleeding. My shield section stopped at the junction of Herbert Road and Orchard Avenue as by then most of the youths had run off, some going through an alley south at the junction, others running off up Orchard Avenue. As we had cleared the missile throwing threat at that time, I and my serial regrouped in Southall Broadway, got back on our coach at 4.10pm and were put on reserve behind Southall Town Hall. I studied my maps of the Southall area and could see that anyone running from the Broadway into Herbert Road could go into Orchard Avenue and up Beechcroft Avenue back into the Broadway. I and my serial were next called out again to the Broadway junction with Greenford Avenue, at 5.20pm. This time, the police static cordon was again under attack, being pelted with stones, packets of curry powder and other objects. On this occasion, I and my serial formed up with our shields before as in front of the main cordon to give the unprotected officers some cover from the missiles. I was on the left hand side of the cordon. The whole cordon moved forward. I and my serial came to the junction with Herbert Road, and, remembering my previous experience at this junction, I was careful that officers paid attention to our rear. Looking forward through the crowd, I could see three SPG transit

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]

carriers behind the crowd, on the left of the Broadway, just opposite and west of the junction with Alexandra Avenue. Some of the SPG Officers were on foot out of their carriers and they appeared to me to be exposed, without shield protection. Having seen another shield serial deployed behind us, I spoke to the Inspector, [REDACTED] and his serial covered my position whilst I went forward, through the crowd, to join the SPG units at Alexandra Avenue, together with my unit. We linked up with the SPG and began to try and clear the crowd from the rear, routing persons up Alexandra Avenue, being aware of the dangers of letting them go into Beechcroft Avenue. At about 6pm one of my men, [REDACTED] arrested a male [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] for assault on him whilst engaged in this operation. Together with the men from the SPG units I formed a thin cordon across Uxbridge Road to the west corner of Alexandra Avenue, in order to funnel persons out of the crowd out of the area up Alexandra Avenue. I remember the SPG Inspector detailing two of his men to cover a small alleyway on the southside of Uxbridge Road opposite Alexandra Avenue, as a number of persons in the crowd were attempting to leave, using this alley. I could see persons from the crowd on the roof of shops on the North side of Uxbridge Road. Later, these persons were cleared by Police, and I could see a number of Police Officers on this roof. Whilst all this was going on, the crowd in front of us, between us and the main cordon at Greenford Avenue, was thinning. It was about 1,000 strong, mainly young people, mainly Asian. It was noisy and hostile and occasionally packets of curry and small pebbles were

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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thrown at Police. Whilst the crowd in front of us was thinning, another crowd began to build up behind us. We were joined by two more serials of Police, in a linked coach, Serials 78 and 79. These men and their Inspectors joined my serial at my cordon. I had informed [REDACTED] of my position and later saw him on the roof of the shops. I could hear him trying to contact me on the radio unsuccessfully, so I went through the crowd and stood in the street below him so that I could understand his directions. From the movements he made, I understood that he wished the cordon formed by my serials, 103, 78, and 79 brought forward, that is, east, up the Broadway. This I did, so that another cordon was made east of Alexandra Avenue. The crowd between the two cordons was then caught between them; the crowd behind my cordon grew larger and increasingly more hostile. The SPG Units which had been with us were once again behind us. I remember that they were concerned about the alleyway opposite Alexandra Avenue being left unguarded, and about various shops further west in the Uxbridge Road being looted by the crowd. I remember seeing two such shops, both with their windows broken, both shoe shops, one on the north and the other on the south sides of Uxbridge Road. Eventually, the crowd behind us became large and potentially more dangerous than the one in between the two cordons. I was concerned about this, and went through the crowd, more packets of curry were thrown, presumably at me, and I was called at from the crowd "Wanker", "Cunt", "Pig", "Fascist" and a number began chanting "left, right, left, right" in time with my steps. When I got through the crowd I spoke to [REDACTED] I think

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

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the time would have been about 7.30pm. I gave [REDACTED] the dispositions of my serial and of serials 78/79 and of the coach carrying 78/79. At about 7.40pm, my serial, and serials 78/79 came through the crowd and to my position, which was at the rear of the main cordon across the Broadway at Herbert Road. A few minutes later I saw the coach which had been carrying serials 78/79 come through the crowd to join us. I had been parked west of Alexandra Avenue, facing east, on the north side of the Broadway. The coach came through slowly. The crowd were shouting, screaming and throwing things at it. Several persons kicked the coach as it passed. The cordon which I was behind opened to let the coach through. Both rear windows were smashed. As it came through the crowd, the sergeant on the coach was ducking about in the aisle between the seats, looking from side to side. The driver kept his vehicle moving, but looked very worried and frightened. The crowd which had been behind the cordon formed by serials 103, 78 and 79 had surged forward when the cordon had gone and had joined the other crowd originally between the two cordons, swelling numbers to about 3,000. To the best of my knowledge, when the coach had come through the Broadway it was about 8pm. Neither I nor my men took notice of the time or particularly noted any special incident except those times recorded for arrests and deployments which I noted on form 3166 supplied to me for this operation. This form I produce, as exhibit RF/1 as evidence. When the coach had come through the crowd I lost sight of the SPQ units I had been with earlier. By the time coach came through, it was impossible to see through the crowd which

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

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had become dense, pressed up to the Police cordon and again noisy hostile and throwing missiles. At no time during this operation was I or my serial employed in Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue.

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

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number Hounslow Police Station
5 Montague Road, Hounslow,
Middlesex. 572 7333

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

Dated the 8th day of May 1979.

Signed

Signature witnessed by

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 at 10.45 hrs I paraded for duty at Hounslow Police Station. I was then detailed for duty at Ealing and Southall in connection with a National Front meeting. My serial consisted of (3) three Sergeants and (20) twenty constables. After a parade and briefing we took refreshments at the Ministry of Defence Centre at Feltham, Middlesex. At 12.45hrs we left the feeding centre and at 13.15hrs were on ground assigned at Ealing Town Hall. Officers were assigned to patrol the area round the Town Hall with no untoward incidents, other than an allegation of common assault by one member of the public against another dealt with by me and reported at Ealing Police Station. At 15.20hrs. I was directed by X-Ray Control to take my serial from Ealing Town Hall to Southall Town Hall to assist in forming a cordon across the front of the Town Hall. This was done till 16.45hrs when we were detailed to go to the Conservative Club

Signed Signature witnessed by

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

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Car Park on reserve. The serial remained on reserve at that location till 18.30hrs when assigned to assist other serials at Uxbridge Road junction with Park View Road with a disturbance. We walked from the coach to that location. On my arrival at that location I led my serial into Park View Road, there was a considerable amount of Police activity around a house on the west side of the road, and a lot of bricks and other debris in the street. There were however many officers present and I withdrew my serial to the end of the road. Individual Officers gave assistance to officers from other serials to take prisoners from Park View Road to awaiting coaches, though no arrests were made by Officers from my serial. None of the officers on my serial reported any untoward incidents other than [REDACTED] who reported that during assisting other officers at Park View Road he had lost his Beat Duty Gloves and whistle, these details were reported on Form 3166 by me. At about 19.00hrs we returned to the coach at the Conservative Club, on reserve. At 19.15 hrs to serial were permitted by X-Ray Control to take snacks at Villiers Road School, they walked to the school and back on reserve at the Conservative Club at about 19.45hrs. At 20.05hrs. X-Ray Control assigned units to a disturbance at Herbert Road, Southall. This location was close to our reserve position and I informed control that we were available, and we were assigned to assist Serial 93. I walked with my serial from the Car Park, turned left into Lady Margaret Road, right into Uxbridge Road and left into Herbert Road as we approached the junction with Beechcroft Avenue I was walking at the front of my serial. There were

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

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(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1969, r. 58)

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Officers ahead of me returning to, two green personal carriers.
I do not know who the Officers were and did not see their numerals.
I asked about the disturbance and was informed that it was all quiet.
I turned and instructed my serial to return to their coach. I did not see any riot shields or drawn truncheons during the time I was at Herbert Road and no such incidents were reported to me. We walked back to the Conservative Car Park arriving at about 20.20hrs. At 22.41 hrs we were dismissed. I went to Southall Police Station where I handed in my personal radio, the portable main set and my Form 3166 (Book A8/10) which I signed and produce as exhibit GD/1. Together with my serial I arrived at Herbert Road at about 20.10hrs and left at about 20.13hrs. At no time did I and to the best of my knowledge no members of my serial at any time enter Beechcroft Road or Orchard Avenue.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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

Statement of.....

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

Occupation of Witness.....

Address and Telephone Number..... Farnborough Police Station

(PF)

01-697 9445

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 3rd day of May, 19 79

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was employed as the.....

Serial No 57 of Operation Order No 100/79. At about 3pm we were travelling by private coach north in South Road, Southall when traffic came to a halt near the junction of Beaconsfield Road and as a large group of demonstrators were walking with banners on the east side of the road we obtained direction from GT. to leave the bus and remain in the vicinity. No disorder took place and I walked my serial to the Broadway north east junction with Lady Margaret Road where crowds of demonstrators were being cleared from the junction. My serial was used to move the people from Lady Margaret Road south and then west along the North footway of the Broadway. Most of the people were on the footway, it was raining hard and they moved slowly without incident. When we had reached a point where the bus shelter was situated I was instructed to stop my men at that point. At the same time a bus travelling eastwards in the Broadway stopped

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

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at the bus shelter stop. About a hundred persons were sheltering at the bus shelter. Suddenly as the bus doors opened on the one-man bus the crowd rushed on to the bus and at the same time I saw the bus windows pushed out on the upper deck and they smashed on hitting the road. I was unable to see if the windows were pushed out by the passengers or the person who had boarded the bus. We then moved the crowd further west along the Broadway past the rear of the bus most of my serial going along the North footway. I saw two private cars which had stopped at the rear of the bus and went to the offside of the bus and directed them along the offside of the bus. At that time fighting commenced in the Broadway to the rear of the bus, bottles and stones, sticks and waste paper bins were thrown towards the police lines. I felt my eyes smarting and then saw brown powder on my cap and uniform and on the road having been thrown from direction of the crowd. The bus was moved away from the scene and the crowd retreated along the Broadway and formed a barrier across the road just west of Herbert Road. Police kept a distance from the crowd to avoid being struck with bottles and bricks and other objects. With my serial I was moved to the east corner of Broadway and Herbert Road. Included in the objects thrown was a length of chain which I produce as Exhibit ED/1. Shield units then arrived on the scene and closed up with the crowd and with my serial we formed the second cordon across Broadway, north side. During the movement along the Broadway half of my serial assisted in clearing the first hundred yards of Herbert Road and were then relieved by a shield-carrying unit. This was the only part of Herbert Road which any member of my serial entered. During the period we were employed at Southall none of us ever went into Orchard Avenue or Beechcroft Avenue.

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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)

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After the arrival of the shield units we continued to be employed along the north side of the Broadway only. At one period we were employed in removing unauthorised persons from the flat roofs of the shops on north side including Safeways. During the short time I was in the north end of Herbert Road I saw where a single course brick wall about 4 feet high had been partly demolished and the remaining bricks were similar to the ones thrown at Police in the Broadway. We were relieved at about 8.45pm for snacks and upon return we again remained on the north side of the Broadway until about 10.15pm. The street was by then clear of people. During my duty I saw no police officer draw his truncheon in fact, police officers were collecting up stones and bottle which had been thrown and placed them in police vehicles to prevent them being used again. I completed form no 3166 (A8/10) which I produce as exhibit ED/2. Not being familiar with the area I have used a map which I produce as Exhibit ED/3 to identify the street names.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) **Over 21**
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number **Sidcup Police Station**
..... **Main Road, Sidcup**
..... **853 8131**

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

Dated the **24th** day of **May**, 19**79**.

Signed

Signature witnessed by

On Monday the 23rd April, 1979, I was

..... Serial 61, which consisted of 'R' Division Officers.

After the parade at Bexleyheath Police Station we were conveyed by coach to the M.O.D. Feltham and given refreshments between 3pm and 3.45pm. We then went to our ground assigned, Lady Margaret Road, Southall, and de-bussed, at 4pm. This road was closed to general traffic, pedestrians, and we remained on the footway until about 6.30pm. At this stage we were called to the Broadway and instructed to form a cordon as a serial facing west, in the vicinity of St. Georges Avenue. There were mounted officers and shield serials between our serial and the crowds. From this position I was unable to see the demonstrators, but could see uniform officers on a roof to the north side of the street. They appeared to be giving instructions to the Officers deployed

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

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on the street. At about 7pm I was instructed to take my serial by coach to the far side of the cordon. A Chief Inspector came with us and we went to Dane Road via Lady Margaret Road, turning west and then south into Dane Road. We then turned left into the Broadway and de-bussed. As we walked east toward the Police Cordon, the demonstrators who appeared to be mainly Asians, were stood along both sides of the Broadway in small groups of twenty to thirty people. The windows of several shops were broken. We continued walking down the Broadway. Until we came across a large number of people who were stood on the south footway looking toward the Police Sheild cordon. Although some were white people, they consisted in the main of Asians. On the instructions of the Chief Inspector my serial attempted to disperse this crowd by asking them to move away and go home. This had little or no effect. Some five minutes later I saw another group of youths had formed on the North footway of the Broadway at the junction, with Northcote Road. I heard the sound of breaking glass and saw that someone had smashed the window of a shoe shop at the junction of Northcote Road. At this time several stones were thrown toward us and they came from the crowd by the shoe shop. They were shouting and I considered they intended to cause more damage and project more missiles toward us. At this stage the assistance of the sheild and Mounted serials were called for, and my serial were instructed to go behind the Police cordon. From this position I could not see the demonstrators, and it was apparent from the Radio

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

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traffic these were several calls for for urgent assistance. My serial remained with me till we were sent for snacks at 9.15pm. At 9.30pm we returned to Lady Margaret Road and assisted with the dispersal of the National Front members who walked North along Lady Margaret Road. We were then directed to remain on the coach till we were dismissed. At no time did any officer from my serial draw his truncheon, nor did I see any Police carriers going to the assistance of other officers. I produce form 3166 as exhibit KCL. At no time did my serial enter Beechcroft Avenue.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number West End Central Police Station
 'C' District

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

Dated the 23rd day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty as "aid" to 'X' Division, engage on the operation order as C.57. I arrived at the Broadway at about 3.15 p.m. with serials 103 and 104, both of which were under the command of I am not certain of times because I was not wearing a watch in view of the possible hostility of demonstrators. On arrival at the Town Hall I reported to Commander 'X' District and at that time a call for urgent assistance came from X ray control for the deployment of shield serials in the Broadway at the junction of Greenford Avenue. I soon attended the scene together with both 'C' District Inspectors and Serials 103 and 104 were deployed at that location. There was a hostile crowd at that location throwing missiles at a Police cordon. I saw who had a slight injury to the side of his face and present at the scene. I recall that the crowd was dispersed and a number of persons arrested. The situation calmed down and the shield serials returned to their coaches in the Broadway and were embussed. I then met who was in command of myself and shield serials 101 to 106 inclusive. The crowds began to re-assemble in the Broadway and were comparatively

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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calm. The Police cordon, which had originally been on the eastern side of Greenford Avenue moved forward to the western side of that junction. Some time later, I have no idea how much later I learned that a wall had been demolished in Herbert Road and that the bricks would probably be used against Police. About this time missiles were thrown at the police cordon across Broadway and the Shield Serials were re-employed. I am uncertain which shield serials were used, but I recall that Serial 104 were brought up as close reserve and were standing close to the cordon on the southern side of the Broadway. I was directed by [REDACTED] to secure the pile of rubble in Herbert Road and I dispatched 1 PS and 10 PCs south into Herbert Road for this purpose. In Herbert Road I found an alleyway on the western side which was obviously used as a service road for the shops in the Broadway. This presented a risk in that it allowed persons to have access to the side and rear of the police cordon. The officers that I had sent into Herbert Road sealed the end of the service road and the pile of bricks which appeared to be part of a garden wall. I think those officers were from Serial 101. Shortly after this I was directed by [REDACTED] to report to [REDACTED] at South Road at the junction of the Crescent with Serials 104 and 105.

I arrived at that location and reported my arrival to X ray control. Both my serials were debussed and stood on reserve close to the Railway Bridge. Several hundred persons had gathered on the bridge and sat in the roadway, completely blocking the road. The crowd were addressed by [REDACTED] through a loudhailer and when they refused to leave, officers from I believe 'L' District commenced to arrest them. A large number of persons were arrested and the crowd began to disperse. Whilst I was standing at this location a Police Transit van drove down South Road and stopped by the serials. The vehicle contained 2 injured officers and some prisoners and other officers. I have no idea where these officers had come from, what their numbers were or their serials. One of the injured officers seemed quite seriously injured, the other had a facial injury. I was asked to call an ambulance for the injured officers and I relayed the call to X ray control. I arranged for the officers and prisoners from the transit to be transferred to one of [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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the coaches which was being used for prisoners. After some time, when the ambulance had not arrived I became concerned for the condition of the officer who seemed more seriously injured and I therefore directed the driver of the transit to convey the officers to hospital. The officer with the facial injury knew where the nearest hospital was, I suspect he was a local officer and he was to guide the transit driver. I then called X ray control and cancelled the request for the ambulance. I shortly afterwards returned to the Broadway. I think the serials 104 and 105 were then directed to the southside of the Broadway by Greenford Avenue. I went forward to the Police cordon which I found had been moved further westwards and was now outside the Safeways Supermarket and the crowd was now considerably larger. I saw Mr. [REDACTED] on the roof of the store and I also saw [REDACTED] who is known to me. I remained in the immediate vicinity of this cordon and a little while after I had arrived I saw a coach coming down the Broadway from the western end towards the demonstrators. The coach drove into the crowd and almost came to a standstill. It became the target for a large number of missiles and people were banging on the sides of the vehicle. I could see a police officer inside the vehicle. The coach then accelerated rapidly and drove through the police cordon and parked in the Broadway. As it went by I noticed that the rear window of the coach was broken. I don't know what the time was but it was getting dark and shortly afterwards [REDACTED] suggested that I should go for snacks. I made my way to a snacking point in I think Greenford Avenue at the junction of Shackleton Road. I queued at the snacking point for a short while and then I heard a message on the personal radio that all snacks were suspended. I returned to the cordon. When I got back to the Broadway I saw that the large crowd had dispersed and that the cordon now consisted of a number of cordons across side streets on both sides of the Broadway, with a very light cordon at the end of the shopping area. I recall seeing [REDACTED] and a number of Shield Training Instructors who made up a shield serial at this time and I also recollect seeing an [REDACTED] from 'M' Division who is known to me, in the Broadway at some time shortly after my return.

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I then went for snacks some while afterwards with [REDACTED] back to the snacking point at Greenford Avenue. We were not long at that point, I think they ran out of food. When I returned to the Broadway I noticed that the road was completely deserted. Police officers were standing on premises where windows had been broken and one or two officers were in groups at some junctions but most of the serials were back in their coaches which were parked at various places along the Broadway. I remained in the Broadway until dismissed. After reading this the only thing that comes to my mind which is not already mentioned is that when I was standing on the cordon in the Broadway outside Safeways I saw [REDACTED] followed by his serial, walk through the demonstrators from the rear and through the Police cordon, to take up a position at the rear of the cordon. I don't know at what time this occurred but it was before the coach came through the demonstrators.

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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) Over 21 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Rotherhithe Police Station (MR)

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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 May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was employed as assistant to

[REDACTED] Serial nos. 73 to 82 of Police Officers employed at Southall, Middlesex. These serials were deployed at South Road. I think that it was about 9pm when a message was received by Personal Radio to the effect that serial nos. 73 to 77 were to go to Broadway by way of South Avenue, Alexandra Avenue, and thence to the vicinity of Greenford Avenue. This involved the movement of two private hire coaches that contained 2 serials each but due to large scale arrests earlier in the day these serials were considerably depleted. I was in the coach containing the remnants of Serials 73 and 74 with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had charge of Serial no. 73. We tried to follow the route that had been set but I am not sure of the route we followed but we did lose contact with the coach carrying serials 75 and 76. We found ourselves in

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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Broadway, but on the Police side of the cordons. I had understood that the intention was for us to be the other side of the cordon and behind demonstrators who had been throwing material at Police. All seemed to be quiet at the Broadway and we then turned right into Herbert Road which led to Orchard Avenue. In Orchard Avenue opposite the junction with Beechcroft Avenue I saw a number of Asian type people in front gardens and Asian youths, about 10 of the in the street. We de-bussed and approached the youths who moved into alleyways. The people in the front gardens moved back into the houses. [REDACTED] went with some Officers to the alleyways. I noticed that there were 3 milk crates containing empty milk bottles on the pavement on the west corner of Orchard Avenue and Beechcroft Avenue. I feared that these bottles might be used as missiles and directed some P.C's to remove them to the coach, the other officers rounded up the youths and took them to the cordon at Beechcroft Avenue at the junction with Broadway. I noticed that there was broken glass in Beechcroft Avenue, along with some pieces of brick and stone. The rounding up of the youths was a non-violent shepherding exercise. They were contained close to the cordon. I assisted a few older people to pass through cordons and then Chief [REDACTED] decided that we should return to our original place of deployment - South Road. I would think that I spent about 20 minutes in this locality but I am not certain about the exact times. I can say that as we walked back along Orchard Avenue a message was broadcasted on the Personal Radio seeking authority for a serial (or $\frac{1}{2}$ a serial) to go on a train to Paddington in order that rival factions might be kept apart. Whilst in Beechcroft

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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Avenue a middle aged woman who spoke with an Irish accent indicated to me that she was worried about her two daughters who were due home having travelled to Southall Station. I advised her to wait at home which I gathered was on the east side of Beechcroft Avenue, about half way along. As we were leaving that street some time later we met the woman again in the company of 3 teenage girls coming from Orchard Avenue. I asked if all was well and she said that it was. We returned to South Road via a footpath from Orchard Avenue.

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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) Over 21.

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Marylebone Police Station,

1-9 Seymour Street,

London, W1.

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

Dated the 28th day of April [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 at 2.45 p.m. I arrived in a coach at South Road. Because of heavy congestion, I dropped off the coach and walked up to a bus stop on the right hand side and moved a double decker LTB Bus for the coach to come up the offside of traffic. There were pockets of Indian youths and P.C.'s in South Road. I walked to the ground assigned where the crossroads were lined with groups of youths who were shouting and running excitedly about. I stood on the North Side of The Broadway/Lady Margaret Road whilst the coach passed the junction in Lady Margaret Road and continued North. I saw a number of youths parading a Southall Youth movement banner. [REDACTED] and other officers stood on the South Side of The Broadway. I examined The Broadway and found that the ground assigned was unmanned by police. Approximately 200 people were gathered mainly between Greenford Avenue and South Road on both sides of The Broadway. A glaziers van was boarding up a shop at the corner of Greenford Avenue. At approximately 3.00 p.m. Serials 27 and 28 arrived at the ground assigned. By this time the N.W. corner of the junction was full of Indians who were whooping and pushing North along the West pavement. The head of this small group was made up [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

of the Southall Youthmovement. They then tried to head back towards the junction. By this time I had some of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] serial and [REDACTED] serial lining the pavement round into The Broadway. I instructed the P.C.'s to face the crowd not to watch what was going on on the South Side. We thus contained the crowd on the North Side of the junction until this became impractical. This situation arrived when [REDACTED] and a number of P.C.'s had encircled those on the South Side of the Broadway and moved them up to the junction with Herbert Road. Traffic was flowing freely at this stage. I moved my P.C.'s further along towards Greenford Avenue and a lull developed until about 3.30.p.m. when a double-decker LTE Bus stopped at the bus stop on the North Side just East of Greenford Avenue. About 40 Indian youths clambered on this bus and there were more trying to get on. They apparently thought that this would be a means to get to the Town Hall. The driver however did not close the doors and the youths then started to leave. At this point, a complete window from the upper deck of the bus was pushed out and shattered by my feet. I took about 6 P.C.'s into the bus and about 5 men were arrested on the top deck. Those youths outside started to hurl missiles at the bus and it became necessary to tell passengers to lay flat while I told the bus driver to pull away. This he did after some difficulty and after stopping at the junction to drop me he proceeded on my instructions to Southall Police Station into which [REDACTED] and other officers took the prisoners. On my return, I found a situation on both sides of the road where traffic, demonstrators and police were entwined. [REDACTED] and I were both present and when about 500 or 600 Indians had assembled, it was decided to place the cordon in position straight across The Broadway at the junction with Greenford Avenue. Traffic was heavy from the West End of The Broadway but once the cordon was set, it trickled away to an occasional vehicle which had entered The Broadway from a side road. At this point which I estimate to be about 3.45.p.m. or 4.00.p.m., missiles in the shape of bottles, concrete blocks, [REDACTED]

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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stones, marbles, wooden battens and house bricks were being thrown from the back. One P.C. in the cordon was struck on the leg almost immediately and [REDACTED] and I carried him to the bus stop after which [REDACTED] summoned an ambulance. There followed a period of intermittent missile throwing with the crowd about 15 yards away from the cordon. Then shield serials arrived and began moving forward. At the same time S.P.G. carriers arrived, and drove into the crowd. Almost immediately the crowd dropped back and shield serials plus most of serials 27 and 28 followed in pursuit. I remained at the site of the cordon with [REDACTED], 3 P.C.'s from 'D' Division and an 'A' Division serial which had arrived to assist. We cleared the road of debris and missiles in front of where our cordon was to be placed and set up a 'loose' cordon. This was strengthened about 20 minutes later by the return of Serials 27 and 28, and the arrival of Serials 29 and 30. Serial 31 had also joined us but Serial 32 which should have been engaged on cordon patrols never did join us but were replaced by a substitute serial. Once the cordon was installed, groups of Indians drifted back towards us and eventually spread across the road in front of us. A number of people approached the cordon, demanding, pleading, cajoling and ordering me to let the waiting crowd go through. During this time the crowd was face to face with the cordon and a few missiles were thrown. The cordon was then moved up to the West Side of Herbert Road to stop a demolished brick wall becoming the source of missiles. Then a number were again thrown, some hitting the crowd - indeed one Indian in a turban was struck in the face by a bottle which cut his forehead deeply. He was led away for treatment. Shields were then put in front and the order given to clear the street. This proved impossible since the crowd leaned on the shields and an impasse was reached. The shields were then withdrawn to the rear and reasonably good relations continued until about 6.00 p.m. when one or two missiles were thrown from the back of the crowd. During all of this time I was in the front of the cordon talking to the Indians until [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 53)

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at about 6.00.p.m. when the sound of glass breaking drew our attention to the fact that the Co-op store had been broken into. [REDACTED] was informed and the cordon linking arms moved up to a point past the Co-op. I personally searched the Co-op premises with about 4 P.C.'s. After satisfying myself the premises was empty of civilians. I came out to find that a number of civilians had taken to the roof of 'Safeways' store. Two Indians in turbans were photographing from a ledge at the front of the building. It was decided that the flat roof was a good vantage point for police to be rather than the crowd and we thus moved the cordon up - stopping for a short while to keep the cordon straight since the crowd at Safeway's was particularly resistant to the push. I was at the rear of the first line of the cordon and could see that a number of people were being pushed on past Safeway's and heard the sound of breaking glass. I saw no truncheons offered at anyone nor any sign of excessive violence. Most of the crowd by this time were passively resisting. Once we got to the front of Safeway's many sat down and there the cordon stopped for about half an hour. No-one other than police remained behind the cordon. I then became aware that a line of shield carrying police and carriers was flanking the crowd further West along The Broadway and this situation remained for some time, while police contained the crowd. At some time, about 7.00.p.m. I heard booing and catcalls from the crowd and saw [REDACTED] carrying a shield walking through the crowd. He spoke to [REDACTED] and a short while afterwards there appeared a number of shield carrying 'C' District P.C.'s walking through both sides of the crowd. No violence occurred. The S.P.G. carriers had withdrawn by this time leaving a coach at the site where the flanking line had been. I now could see that a much larger crowd had congregated. Some missiles were thrown and on one occasion the crowd linked arms and tried to break our cordon. On another occasion about 200 linked arms, advanced on the cordon and then sa down just before contact with police. This caused laughter on both sides. At about 7.20.p.m. a flaming object [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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back of the crowd from left to right and the coach which had remained until then in its original position raced forwards at about 20.mph. It did not slow down but scattered the crowd and only slowed down when it reached and passed through the police cordon. I noticed the rear two windows were shattered. The crowd was vociferous and missiles again were being thrown. Whereas earlier the moderates were at the front trying to stop the throwing now no-one in the crowd objected. About twenty minutes elapsed when the crowd had started to thin out, many drifting away while others gathered in small groups further along The Broadway. I then became aware of three S.P.G. carriers with blue lights on and I believe klaxons sounding coming east along The Broadway. The first carrier swung over to the North side of The Broadway pointing into one of the junctions, the other two pulled up either side of the first one. There was a brief spell of police activity around the carriers and this attracted a crowd of those remaining groups of Indians. After about ten to fifteen minutes the carriers left. There was a further spell of thinning crowds and occasional missiles until the sound of glass breaking made us aware that some of the shops ahead of the cordon were being entered. I remained with my cordon intact and watched the shield serials move up. The cordon then moved up a short distance and the horses behind also moved up. At each junction a contingent of shield carrying officers entered and secured the junction although missiles were still being thrown out of the junctions into The Broadway. I held the cordon some distance away from its originally assigned spot and while we held that cordon it did not move forward again. At about 9.15.p.m. it was clear that no more large crowds were going to return and although a loose cordon was placed in The Broadway between a looted sports shop on the North side and a looted toy shop on the South side, this was no more than a token and the remainder of the evening was spent documenting the damage, arranging snack meals and regrouping serials.

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 Boreham Wood
(935 - 4011 ext 44)

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

Dated the 22nd day of June, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 22nd April, 1979 I was aid to Southall as [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] supervising all serials in Lady Margaret Road. Around 7.30pm I was at the J/W The Broadway when [REDACTED] directed me to take three serials to relieve others which were in the Broadway some 150 yards west of Lady Margaret Road. We were taking up position behind shield serials when missiles were thrown at the cordon. I was directed to take my 3 serials and go by a northerly route to the rear of the crowd to arrest if possible any of the missiles throwers. The one serial commandeered a coach which took us via Dane Road, back to the Broadway where two "T.D." Officers were directing traffic. We waited for the other serials to arrive when [REDACTED] arrived and it was decided we would stretch out across the road and walk towards the crowd.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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On our arrival the crowd was no longer in the road but on both the north and south footways. The crowd was mainly Asian and on the south footway was spilling onto the roadway. We went to the South kerb and formed a cordon forcing all persons onto the footway. It was about this time that an ambulance came out of one of the turnings on the south side and turned west. The driver stopped and spoke with [REDACTED]. As the vehicle moved off a missile was thrown which struck [REDACTED] on the foot. Other missiles were then thrown from the north footway and west of a road which had "Leicester" Shoe Shop in it's corner. The people on the south kerb began to spill out into the roadway and an SPG Carrier which was travelling west close to the south kerb was forced to stop because of the crowd, a white woman, then emerged from the footway and grabbed hold of the nearside wing mirror and snapped it from the vehicle and then started to attack the aerial on the vehicle. Officers from the carrier arrested her picked up the broken mirror and drove off. Several missiles were then thrown and all the windows of the Leicester Shoe Shop smashed in. [REDACTED] had arrived by this time and we were ordered to withdraw behind shield serials which were coming forward. As we started to withdraw missiles were thrown. As the shield serials over took us the crowd commenced to withdraw west along the Broadway and disperse along the side roads north and south of that road. Windows of white owned shops were being smashed as they dispersed. The shield serials were blocking off the side roads to protect other serials

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advancing. I was then directed to relieve another non shield serial for refreshments at the junction immediately west of Lady Margaret Road on the north side of the junction. We were there some 2/3 minutes when we were directed back to Lady Margaret Road. By this time it was dark and raining. I saw no other SPG Vehicle at that time in the Broadway other than the one which was damaged. None of the men in my serial at any time went up any of the side roads between Dane Road and Lady Margaret Road during my advance along the Broadway.

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

Statement of
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number Baling Police Station

This statement,* consisting of 1 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 1st day of May, 19 79

Signed
Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty at Southall. During the evening I saw That was on the corner of the Broadway near the Town Hall, outside the Sari Shop. It was dark at the time and was with me. I knew him, that is and I spoke to him. His reply was that he was disgusted with the way that the police were clearing the street. He made no complaint about being involved with police, and his appearance was perfectly normal. He had his glasses on and he did not look as if he had been involved in a disturbance. Although I am not sure of the time it must have been after 8.30pm and before 10pm that I saw He certainly had every opportunity of telling me of any incident that he had been involved in.

Signed Signature witnessed by 153
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Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Vine Street Police Station

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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 18th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was on duty in uniform my role being to act as [REDACTED] who was to be in charge of operations in South Road and the Broadway, Southall. With [REDACTED] I arrived at the junction of the Broadway / South Road at about 2.45 p.m. at which time there were noisy groups on the three corners adjacent to the Town Hall. Scuffles were taking place on the South/east corner which was cleared by police. On the S/West corner just after 3pm scuffling broke out, and I went to the assistance of an officer who was being overpowered. During this incident I was punched and kicked and sustained minor injury. The groups on the S/West and N/West corners were contained and moved back from the corner and were not particularly violent at this stage. However a L.T. double deck bus stopped on the North side of the road and 20 to 30 youths poured onto the bus. Windows were pushed out and extensive damage done to this vehicle before police brought the situation.

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under control when the bus was driven to Southall Police Station. While this was taking place the foot police in the Broadway were subjected to a hail of missiles from the crowd to the West of the junction. My recollection is that by about 3.40/4 p.m. sufficient police had arrived on scene to enable police to move the crowd beyond Greenford Ave and Herbert Road from where missiles had been thrown. Shield serials had been deployed behind the police line and moved forward behind it. During this operation a considerable amount of missiles came from Herbert Road and as the shield serial under [REDACTED] arrived at the junction, he deployed part of the serial to pursue the assailants down Herbert Road. I followed and at the junction of Herbert Road/Orchard Avenue I recalled the shield carrying officers as the assailants had made good their escape. We all returned to the Broadway. Shortly after this I went to the Charge Centre at Hayes and on my return, reported to [REDACTED] who had now assumed command in the Broadway and soon after my return police moved the crowd further west, due to the premises of the Co-Operative Society being damaged. The cordon was redrawn just East of Safeways store and remained static until it was seen that a number of persons had gained access to the roof. A window was broken in Safeways and at this stage police again moved forward to secure that junction, the roof and the store. When this operation was effected with considerable difficulty as there was resistance from the crowd. There then followed a considerable period of calm with only the very occasional missile. At sometime during this period I noticed S.P.G. Carriers to the rear of the crowd (i.e. to the west of the crowd) and was aware that the Serial under [REDACTED] was also deployed there. The next incident of note was when

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a police coach drove through the crowd to shouts and jeers. When the coach passed me I saw that the rear window had been smashed. Soon after this incident I again noticed S.P.G. Carriers (two or three) to the west of the crowd. Once darkness fell, there was some throwing of missiles and, as I recall the sound of windows being broken. Shield serials were deployed in front of the cordon and they moved west along Broadway. The crowds retreated not only westwards but also into the side turnings which were cordoned off as police passed them. The main cordon remained at its location until the sound of more windows being broken was heard when police advanced as far as Abbotts Road dispersing any groups seeking to remain in the Broadway. At this point it was about 9.45p.m. - 10p.m. No further incidents occurred thereafter.

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Statement of [REDACTED]
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
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Dated the 19th day of June 1979

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] inclusive, on operations at Southall, Middlesex. My
ground assigned was Lady Margaret Road, between Southall Broadway
and Shackleton Road. I was working in conjunction with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who had serials 43 to 52
under his command, on the same ground. Some time after 7.30 pm
I was asked by [REDACTED] to take three serials
into Southall Broadway, westerly to assist the cordon formed up
across the road at a point about 5 yards west of Greenford Avenue.
Together with serials 48, 61 and 62 their Inspectors and Sergeants
and [REDACTED] 'S' District I went to the Broadway
and reported to [REDACTED] He was together with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] whom he instructed to release three of his
serials for refreshment to be replaced by my three serials. Before
this could take place, the large crowd of Asians which were

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confronting the cordon began to exert pressure against the cordon. Some missiles were thrown and the crowd appeared intent on breaking through the police cordon. The decision was then made to pass some shield carrying serials through the cordon and break the crowd in a westerly direction. I saw [REDACTED] together with shield carrying serials pass through the cordon. They advanced quickly against the crowd which broke and ran. Several missiles were thrown. The main cordon followed behind the shields. I saw shield carrying officers turn left into Herbert Road following groups of demonstrators. Further shield carrying officers turned right into St Georges Avenue. Again behind small crowds of demonstrators. The main cordon had then moved up to about this point. The main crowd which must have numbered about 600 had splintered into smaller groups and the distance between them and the police cordon was about 75 yards. They then closed the gap to a distance of about 25 yards and several more missiles were thrown at the police cordon. [REDACTED] then instructed me to take my three serials around the back of the demonstrators in an attempt to force them against the police cordon or break them. The time was then about 7.50 pm. The three serials left the Broadway via Greenford Avenue. I boarded a police van which was parked at the junction of Greenford Avenue and Broadway, and instructed the driver [REDACTED] (Attached to Southall) to drive around behind the crowd. We drove down Greenford Avenue via Carlyle Avenue into Dane Road. I arrived just after a police coach which held one of my serials together with [REDACTED]. The other two serials had become detached. I decided to follow my instructions with the one serial. We lined up across the road and marched in an easterly direction. The crowd had broken into two main groups on the north

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and south footways. Each numbered about 250 to 300. There was no crowd to press against and we continued to walk past Beechcroft Avenue to a point between Alexandra Avenue and Beechcroft. We stopped and turned reforming facing west. The crowd on the north footway had retreated to the corner of Northcote Avenue. There was still a crowd of 250 plus on the south footway, mainly of Asian origin but with a smattering of male and female whites in their early twenties most of whom wore yellow badges in their lapels. I instructed my officers to gently force the crowd back along the footway in a Western direction. Some missiles were still being thrown from the back of the crowd. Shortly after this I heard the sound of broken glass from the direction of Northcote Avenue. I could see that a shop window had just been broken at that point. The crowd which alternately moved, then stopped was still on the south footway east of Beechcroft Avenue. I saw in the distance, at a point at which I would judge was Dane Road, transit vehicles which I assumed were the Special Patrol Group. Three of these were drawn across the road at right angles to the kerb. A fourth came in our direction and drew up, against the south footway facing east. I saw officers get out of the vehicle and saw a scuffle in the crowd beyond the van. I do not know what was its cause. A male white came to me and said, 'Why was that woman arrested?' I later learned that a woman had been arrested for causing criminal damage to the van. Whilst we were in the same position I saw a white ambulance travel down the Broadway from the direction of Hayes and down toward the main police cordon. At some point [REDACTED] came up and advised me, to withdraw from my position, which was still somewhat untenable behind the main cordon which was some 75 yards further east. At no time had any

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officers from the serial with me left the Broadway and apart from the one transit which came down the Broadway to the crowd I was controlling, I did not see any police vehicle beyond the cordon at a point further east than Dane Road. I withdrew together with my serial behind the main cordon at a time I would judge to be about 8.30pm. [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness.....
 Address and Telephone Number..... Marylebone Police Station
 1-9 Seymour Street, W1

This statement,* consisting of 1 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 15th day of

May

Signed

Signature witnessed by

On Monday 23rd April 1979, I was engaged on duty at Southall in connection with the 'National Front' Meeting and counter-demonstrations. I paraded at Paddington Police Station, briefed Serials who paraded there and then was conveyed to Feltham for a meal. I arrived at Southall by car at about 2.40 pm. Traffic in SOUTH STREET was heavily congested and large crowds on both sides of the road jeered the arrival of the coach. The coach parked in BROADWAY near GREENFORD AVENUE, facing east outside Barclays Bank. I could see a crowd at the crossroads near the Town Hall and I immediately took both Serials to that junction. Serial 27 was deployed on the north-west corner and Serial 28 on the south-west corner containing crowds and especially a group with a banner bearing the slogan 'Southall Youth Movement'. From arrival there my Serials were deployed containing the demonstrators. During the period from 2.40 pm to 5.30 pm we were in the vicinity of BROADWAY at the junction with GREENFORD AVENUE, forming cordons across BROADWAY and keeping the junctions of HERBERT ROAD and GREENFORD AVENUE free. I was joined by Serials 29 and 30. Shortly after the arrival of the window of the CO-OP Grocery shop was broken. This was about 30-40 yards west of the cordon. The crowd were pushed back so that the CO-OP was on the east side of the Police corner.

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cordon. That position was held for some time; then one or two people appeared on the roof of SAFEMAYS STORE on the north side of the Broadway. I remember a turbaned man taking photographs of the crowd and others climbing up higher onto the flat roof, on top of the store. A window in SAFEMAYS shop front was smashed and a further push west was ordered so that SAFEMAYS was on the Police side of the cordon. This push was very difficult and was strongly resisted. The line bulged dangerously in the centre but held with additional help. The resistance was very strong on the south footway and I thought that the plate glass window of the NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY was in danger of bracking. I could see it buckling with the weight of bodies. The north side footway was occupied by a number of very old men wearing white turbans. They were no trouble but were very slow to move. The demonstrators were removed from the road and Police observers were posted on the roof. At some time a Serial had been deployed to the west of this large crowd which we were cordoning. They were situated about 100 yards west of the cordon. There were also two Special Patrol Group Carriers on the west side of the crowd on the south side of the BROADWAY. During the push to gain control of SAFEMAYS missiles had been thrown. I lent one Police Constable my handkerchief; he had had pepper thrown in his face. After we gained control of SAFEMAYS there was a further long stand-off period with little happening at the cordon some of the crowd sat down in the wet road. There was chanting and shouting but generally peaceful. I think the presence of Police observers on the rooftops had a salutary effect. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with a 'C' Division Serial, were deployed across BROADWAY on the west side of the crowd. He asked for directions as to what he should do because he reported that a large crowd had built up west of his cordon. I went up onto the roof and reported to [REDACTED] that there were now more demonstrators to the west of [REDACTED] than there were between our cordons and his Serial. The crowd in front of the main BROADWAY cordon outside SAFEMAYS, had thinned out considerably. [REDACTED] returned to the roof with me to assess the situation. He may have deployed another Serial to the location where [REDACTED] was.

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Whatever decision was taken, [REDACTED] came through the crowd on his own carrying his shield. He was jeered but there was no violence. He reported that he was in a difficult position and [REDACTED] directed his Serial to come through the crowd and to join the main cordon. This was achieved without incident. The coach for this Serial had been parked further west in BROADWAY. I saw it being driven west towards the crowd who parted to let it through to the east of the cordon. Again there was much shouting and jeering and a scuffle or two. The windows of the coach had been smashed. I believe that at about this time [REDACTED] was on the roof of the SAFWAYS, reporting the situation as he saw it. By now it was dusk and getting dark. I recall seeing a flame or fire much further down BROADWAY to the west. I was told later that this was a petrol bomb which had been thrown at the 'Q' Division coach. At about this time I saw blue flashing lights further along BROADWAY to the west and three Special Patrol Group Carriers pulled up at an angle to the kerb at the junction on the north side of BROADWAY. I believe it was NORTHCOTE AVENUE. Some of the crowd in front of our cordon started moving slowly in that direction. I walked down through the crowd with [REDACTED] to see what had happened. I looked up Northcote Avenue. There was no disorder. I spoke to an officer who said that there had been one or two arrests but no assistance was required. I returned to the cordon with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had not entered NORTHCOTE AVENUE during this short excursion which had only lasted about three or four minutes. There was no difficulty in walking through the crowd as it was quite sparse at this time. I cannot recall seeing any Units other than the three S.P.G. Carriers. On return to the cordon I believe we discussed snacking some of the Serials with [REDACTED]. Serials arrived to relieve but they had not taken snacks themselves so the Serials under my command remained on duty. Further missile throwing started from a crowd further to the west down BROADWAY. This was a real bombardment and it was decided to put in a shield advance to drive the demonstrators and especially the throwers completely out of the main road. The shield advance was efficient, as

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per training and split three ways at the junctions with BEECHCROFT AVENUE and NORTHCOTE AVENUE, so that there were no demonstrators east of these junctions. The main cordon remained intact at SAFEWAYS and some Serials were sent for snacks. The sound of smashing glass was heard further down BROADWAY and Serials were then deployed as far west as ABBOTTS ROAD. A large number of shops had windows smashed and property had been strewn about. There were footballs in the roadway. At this time every junction in BROADWAY from SOUTH STREET to ABBOTTS ROAD, was manned by Police and no demonstrators were in BROADWAY. I went for a snack leaving [REDACTED] in charge. During the whole time I was on duty I do not remember entering BEECHCROFT AVENUE. During the last hour or two I would have visited Police who were deployed at the junction of BROADWAY and BEECHCROFT AVENUE.

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Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....