

STATEMENT OF WITNESS
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1938, r. 52)

Statement of
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21
Occupation of Witness Complaints Investigation Bureau.
Address and Telephone Number New Scotland Yard.

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 5th day of July 1979
Signed
Signature witnessed by:

On 24.4.79 I the death of Clement Blair PEACH at Southall and in connection with that enquiry I saw many persons including the following at New Scotland Yard.

..... S.P.G. on Thursday 26.4.79 and had a long talk with him. No useful information emerged regarding the identity of the person who had assaulted Blair Peach. I sought to remove if he had any inhibitions. Basically he couldn't enlarge on his account. From information I elicited from him I sketched the position of his carrier No. 11.

..... as seen at 5.20 pm on Friday 27.4.79. He denied drawing his truncheon. He was
Signature witnessed by:
..... as applicable.

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Continuation of statement of _____

in the S.P.C. carrier into Beechcroft Avenue, _____ was the driver. The crew all baled out. Two demonstrators ran right into Orchard Avenue cul-de-sac and disappeared in an alley. He gave up the chase, returned to the carrier and quietly went to the Broadway.

_____ was seen 5.50 pm he said he was on the first S.P.C. carrier, denies truncheons were out but drew his truncheon as he got out. Beechcroft Avenue demonstrators ran to junction with Orchard. There was a P.C. with an Asian prisoner and _____ was there. The P.C. and prisoner got onto the carrier. _____ To the end of Orchard Avenue. He was present when the Asian was arrested.

Later that evening I again saw _____ and he gave the same account.

_____ was seen on 11.5.79 and I demanded to know the full truth about an incident at Herbert Road junction with Orchard Avenue. With regard to _____ and a T.V. camera crew he described it as a "heated exchange", and _____ shouted at them but he did not hear swear words. He then went away with _____ to put extra detail to his statement that he had made earlier.

Sign _____

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Continuation of statement of _____

_____ was seen on 17.5.79 at 8.30 pm.
I said to him "This is a very serious business. I understand you made a 991 (statement) and cannot assist as to how Clement Blair Peach received the injury to his head."

_____ said, "No I can't". I said "You got out of the carrier at the corner of Beechcroft and Orchard. You were there you would have seen how it happened."

_____ said, "Well I didn't. How much longer have I got to stay."

I said, "Why did you first of all say you got out of the carrier at the junction Beechcroft and Broadway."

_____ said, "I've put it right. I've been thinking about it 50 times a day. It came to me."

I said, "It came to you because you know we know you got out at the junction of Beechcroft and Orchard. I want to know how Peach got his injury. Did you or one of your men hit him on the head."

_____ said, "Is that what you want me to say."

I said, "I want the truth."

_____ said, "I can't help you."

I said, "What were you doing at the corner."

_____ said, "I helped _____ with his prisoner"

I said, "_____ you mean."

_____ said, "Yes."

I said, "You didn't help him with the prisoner."

_____ had a P.C. helping him."

_____ said, "I helped him."

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

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Continuation of statement of _____

I said, "How did you help him."

_____ said, "I went to help with the prisoner I was shouting get him on the carrier."

I said, "How can that be helping him. Shouting at

_____ to get him on the carrier."

_____ said, "That is what I was doing."

I said, "What were your P.C.'s doing."

_____ said, "I can't remember."

I said, "Were your men out of control."

_____ said, "No. I've come to accept my position after a lot of thought. I've always had control and at other demos. You've got to appreciate all that was going on."

I said, "I understand you were under pressure and I want to know if anything happened on the spur of the moment."

_____ said, "I can't help. I haven't had any food. I feel ill."

I explained _____ he could have had food because others had had it.

_____ said, "I feel ill."

I used the telephone to summon _____ and when he came I referred to _____ saying he felt ill, the doctor was an issue, and for him to see to it. I then left.

I saw _____ at 9.15 p.m. on 17.5.79., and said to him, "You've made your statement. This is a serious

Signed _____

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

business. You were in the front carrier. You must have seen what happened."

[REDACTED] said, "I don't know how he got injured Sir. If I did I would tell you."

I said, "You're not blind you must have seen what happened."

[REDACTED] said, "All I can tell you Sir is I don't know."

I said, "Are you protecting anybody of rank."

[REDACTED] said, "No Sir, I've said all I know and I can't take it any further."

I said, "All I want is the truth."

[REDACTED] said, "I know I can't help you how it happened."

I then left him.

On 5.6.79 at 8.40 pm at Barnes Police Station I saw [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. Some items of property were on the floor. Notes of what was said were taken by [REDACTED] which I confirm and are Exhibit JW/12.

I saw [REDACTED] on 6.6.79 at 7.10 pm

I said to him, "Referring to the alley, what happened up there."

[REDACTED] said, "I pushed a demonstrator."

Signed [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I said, "Didn't you hit him with your truncheon."

[REDACTED] said, "No definitely not."

I said, "If you had reason to use your truncheon why not say so."

[REDACTED] said, "I didn't hit anybody with my truncheon."

I said, "You're worried about all this."

[REDACTED] said, "I was worried but not now it's a worrying thing."

I said, "Have you worried yourself out and none left."

[REDACTED] said, "I've got nothing to worry about. I didn't hit anybody with my truncheon."

On 7.6.79 at about 12 noon [REDACTED] had a private consultation with [REDACTED] his Solicitor, at Rochester Row Police Station.

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Statement of _____
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) _____ Over 21
Occupation of Witness _____
Address and Telephone Number _____
Complaints Investigation Bureau
New Scotland Yard.

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Dated the 15th day of August 1979
Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

On Thursday 9th August, at 7.10 pm I went into Room 132 at Wembley Police Station with _____ and saw _____ and _____ his Solicitor. I said 'I understand you have refused to take part in an Identification Parade. I notice _____ that you have changed your appearance by growing a beard and you also have a black eye. You have refused an identification parade and a confrontation.' _____ said, 'Yes that's correct the reasons are in the letter.' I said, 'With regard to photographs if Police have shown witnesses photographs in cases the witnesses are still brought to the parade. _____ fully understands the regulations. Under the circumstance: I will make other arrangements for the witnesses to see _____' _____ said 'Would you care to tell me what those arrangements are'. I said 'No, that will be a matter for me - good evening,' _____ and _____ then left.

Signature _____
Signature witnessed by _____
as applicable.

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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 Complaints Investigation Bureau,
New Scotland Yard

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 6th day of July, 19 79

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April 1979 at Orchard Avenue, Southall, junction with Beechcroft Avenue, Clement Blair PEACH of [REDACTED] received an injury from which he died.

On Tuesday 24th April, 1979, at 4.15 am, with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I went to [REDACTED] Ealing, W.5, the home of [REDACTED]. We arrived at the address at the same time as [REDACTED] the common law wife of PEACH. [REDACTED] had earlier attended Southall Police Station where she had made a written statement. On information supplied by her and others with her, who refused to identify themselves, it was understood that persons would be found at [REDACTED] who could assist with details on the circumstances surrounding the injuries to PEACH the day before.

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

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was present in the house with at least two other persons. On stating who we were none of the persons in the house at first wished to identify themselves and we were ordered from the house. [REDACTED] told all present that he was investigating the death of Blair PEACH, and he intended to interview anyone whom he thought could assist him. All present refused to state whether they could assist or not, but eventually [REDACTED] agreed to make a statement later that day in the presence of a solicitor and he would produce other witnesses for interview. As it was clear that no one was prepared to say anything at that stage, they were warned of the consequences of conspiring together to concoct a story before their statements were taken.

[REDACTED] then took possession of a plastic sack containing the clothing said to be worn by PEACH when he was injured the day before. The clothing was checked at the house in the presence of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who signed the list as correct. Both refused any further details of themselves. [REDACTED] produces the clothing as exhibits BM/2 to 19.

At 1.45 pm the same day I went with inspector [REDACTED] of No 3 Unit, Special Patrol Group, and [REDACTED] (CIB(2)) to the rear of Southall Service Station, Broadway, Southall, junction with Beresford.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Road. [REDACTED] identified two red plastic milk crates to me. Each crate contained an assortment of bottles and bricks. Both crates and contents are produced by [REDACTED] as exhibit CH/1.

On Thursday 17th May 1979, at Room 908, New Scotland Yard, I interviewed [REDACTED] No 1 Unit, S.P.G., and took a detailed statement from him. The interview started at 9.15 am and the statement was completed by 7.45 pm. During the morning and at an early part of his statement, [REDACTED] said to me, "Is it too late for an officer of my unit to come forward at this stage with information?". I told him that it was not too late and anyone could give information at any time. I then asked him to explain the reason for his question. At first he was reluctant to answer and then said, "I just wondered what I should do if any of my men came to me now with information". I told him it was his duty to report it immediately and asked him if he had any such information and with holding it. He assured me he did not. Later that evening [REDACTED] complained of feeling sick and eventually agreed to be seen by a doctor. At 9.15 pm the Divisional Surgeon was called. At 10.30 pm, [REDACTED] arrived and after examining [REDACTED] he certified his findings in a statement".

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Occupation of Witness
Address and Telephone Number..... Complaints Investigation
Bureau, New Scotland Yard.

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 30 day of August 1979
Signed
Signature witnessed by.....

On Thursday 9th August, 1979, at 4.10 pm I was present in the Section House Sergeant's Office on the ground floor of Wembley Police Section House with [redacted] and [redacted] his Solicitor. I served the Identification Parade Form, Form 620, on [redacted] read over part of it to him and asked him to read it and complete Part 2 on the back of the form. [redacted] said 'I do not wish to stand on the parade for the reasons shown in my Solicitor's letter.' I then produced a letter dated 7th August, 1979, and showed it to [redacted] I said 'Whose signature is that?' [redacted] said 'That's mine, on behalf of my Company.' I then said to [redacted] 'Would you read that, [redacted] reasons you do not wish to stand on a

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

parade?' and produced the letter to him. He then read the letter and said, 'Yes.'. I said, 'Would you note that please and sign it,' indicating the appropriate space on the rear of the Form 620. This was then done. I said, 'I must tell you that the fact that witnesses may have seen a photograph does not debar them from going on a parade.' [REDACTED] said, 'I have reason to believe they took many photographs, those are my reasons.' I said, 'You realise that there are two other alternatives, one of them is to put you in a room with a number of other people and invite the witnesses to see if they can identify anyone.' He said, 'I don't agree to that.' I said, 'The other alternative is to confront you with the witnesses'. [REDACTED] said, 'I don't agree to that for the same reasons I've given you.' I said, 'I must advise you against refusing to go on a Parade.' [REDACTED] said, 'I've refused for the reasons given.' I said, 'Well I've done my best to persuade you, you must realise the consequences.' He said, 'Consequences, what consequences, as far as I can see all I do is go back to Chelsea.' [REDACTED] said 'I've explained it all to [REDACTED] what consequences are you referring to [REDACTED] I said, 'The consequences are that the refusal to stand will be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions.'

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I then said, 'Do I understand from your letter that you will assist this enquiry because there are some more questions to be put to you. This can now be done by this Officer if you agree we may as well get it over with.'

(Indicating [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said, 'What sort of questions, he has already made a number of statements.'

I said, 'I know, but there are a number of matters to be cleared up and to be put to him, you will understand when you hear the questions.' [REDACTED] said 'I don't

mind.' I said, 'This Officer will get on with it then.'

[REDACTED] said, 'I am [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] what happened to your eye?' He said, 'Badminton'

I produce the Identification Form as Exhibit WT/1 and the letter from [REDACTED] as Exhibit WT/2.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]
by: [REDACTED] CIB(2)
at: Southall Police Station
on: Tuesday 24th April 1979
Present : [REDACTED]
Commenced : 11.35 pm
Terminated : 11.45pm

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 Unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. I was on a carrier with [REDACTED] but I can't remember if there was a skipper at all. [REDACTED]

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

A. I've no idea what time it was. We answered a call when 3 Unit asked for assistance. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you travel in convoy to the scene or were you alone?

A. I think we were the first of two carriers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

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

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Yes. I did take it out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

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

A. I don't think anyone ordered me to, no. [REDACTED]

Q. At what point did you draw your truncheon?

A. As I got out of the carrier there was a large crowd there and I took it out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Well they were throwing things at us. Mostly stones and things. When we arrived at the scene I think we turned into the road. 3 unit had their shields across there. We got out of the carrier in Beechcroft Avenue and they ran off and we ran after them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not put.

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

A. I ran up there. I can't remember who was with me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. I got to the junction with Orchard Avenue and there was a PC there with an Asian prisoner. The PC and the prisoner got on our carrier which had followed us. I got on the carrier as well and we went to the end of Orchard Avenue. I'm not sure where anyone else was. It was all very confused. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Apart from the one I've just mentioned
no. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. None. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. I saw [REDACTED] there when we got out of the carrier and [REDACTED]. The only other one I can remember is the driver of the carrier [REDACTED].

Q. When you went down Beechcroft Avenue which side of the road were you on?

A. On the left pavement going down. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

of: No. 1 Unit
Special Patrol Group
[REDACTED] (TW)

by: [REDACTED]
Complaints Investigation Bureau
New Scotland Yard

at: Room 908
New Scotland Yard

on: Friday 8 June 1979

Commencing: 2.5pm

present: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q.

[REDACTED] I'm going to ask you a number of questions relating to an incident that occurred on Monday 23rd April 1979 at about 8 pm at Beechcroft Avenue, Southall J/W Orchard Avenue, when a man named Blair Peach was injured. [REDACTED] will record the questions & answers and you will be given an opportunity to sign them at the end of the interview. Do you understand that?

A.

Yes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Were you on duty at Southall on
23rd April 1979 with number 1 Special
Patrol Group?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Which vehicle were you posted to
that day?

A. I think it was uniform one one
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Q. Could you be more positive than that?

A. It was the one [REDACTED] was driving. [REDACTED]

Q. Who else was on the vehicle, during that tour?

A. There was different people at different times, due to the situation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left room between 2.15pm - 2.18pm. Re Statements

Q. On the 24th April you were interviewed at Southall Police Station and you signed a questionnaire - Is that correct?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Is that the questionnaire? (Shown questionnaire)

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. On the 27th April you were interviewed by [REDACTED] and you made a four page written statement. Is that correct?

A. I can't be sure of the date, that is probably correct. [REDACTED]

Q. Is that the statement and is that your signature on each page? (Shown Statement)

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. On the 17th May you were interviewed again and made another written statement of seven pages. Is that correct?

A. I don't know the date but I'm sure I did. [REDACTED]

Q. Is that your statement and is that your signature on the bottom of each page? (Shown statement)

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Is there anything in that questionnaire of the 24th April or in the statements of the 27th April or 17th May that is not true or you believe to be false?

A. Not to my knowledge [REDACTED]

Q. At about 8 O'Clock or a few minutes before that your unit was parked in HERBERT Road just south of the Broadway. Do you know where Herbert Road is?

A. I'm not familiar with the area. [REDACTED]

Q. Would you like to come and look at this map (Shown Map of Southall area on the office wall - [REDACTED] examined map)

A. I don't recollect that. [REDACTED]

Q. During that evening your unit received an emergency call to assist three unit Do you remember that?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know what time that was?

A. No, couldn't be sure [REDACTED]

Q. Where were you when you received that call?

A. No I can't remember where we were. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Which SPG carrier were you on when you answered that call?

A. I think I was on the one driven by [REDACTED]

Q. What is the call sign of that vehicle?

A. Uniform one one [REDACTED]

Q. Who else was on that vehicle when you answered that call?

A. [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] was.

Q. Were there other officers on that carrier?

A. There may have been I can't say for sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Who's [REDACTED]'s partner.

A. He is up here at the moment [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] at the carrier at the time?

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where would he have been if he was not on the carrier?

A. On one of the other carriers or with a prisoner [REDACTED]

Q. But you are not able to say where he was.

A. He could have been on the carrier. I'm not honestly sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Who's your partner?

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Was he in the carrier at the time.

A. No, he had a prisoner [REDACTED]

Q. What time did he arrest his prisoner?

A. Earlier on. I think it was when
it all started up. [REDACTED]

Q. I take it he had not returned from
dealing with his prisoner when you went
to assist three unit?

A. Not as far as I know [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement of the 17th May, you said, "I think [REDACTED] was on the carrier". Was he?

A. As far as I can remember, yes. [REDACTED]

Q. What makes you think he was there?

A. That's my recollection. I could be wrong but that's how I remember it. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you spoken to [REDACTED] since this incident?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you talk about the events at Southall that day?

A. It's been mentioned, yes.

Q. Having spoken to him are you still of the opinion that he was on the carrier?

A. I'm of the opinion he was but I have heard different. [REDACTED]

Q. What have you heard?

A. All I heard was that he was not in the carrier, my recollection was that he was. [REDACTED]

Q. Who told you he wasn't on the carrier?

A. I can't honestly remember, but I still think he was [REDACTED]

Q. Was it [REDACTED] who told you he wasn't on the carrier?

A. I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] on your carrier when you answered this call?

A. I don't think so, no. [REDACTED]

Q. What makes you think he wasn't there?

A. I don't remember seeing him. [REDACTED]

Q. During the earlier part of the tour a number of officers left your carrier for various reason, ie with prisoners or through injuries is that so?

A. Yeah (Break for tea) 2.55pm - 3.02pm

Q. On answering this call to assist three unit your unit was depleted of its full compliment

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. How many persons were on your carrier when you answered this call?

A. I honestly couldn't say. [REDACTED]

Q. There was [REDACTED] driving. There was [REDACTED] You think there was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and then there was yourself. In addition to those five was there two, four or six more in the carrier?

A. I couldn't say. [REDACTED]

Q. In your statements you have said, as a result of a call you went to the Braodway junction with Beechcroft Avenue. Are you sure the call was to Beechcroft Avenue or was it to some other location?

A. I think it was to Beechcroft Avenue. All I remember, it was about three unit being stoned. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you know it was Beechcroft Avenue before you went or have you learned since. That is the point.

A. Em I forget, I can't remember, obviously I know it was Beechcroft Avenue now. [REDACTED]

Q. Tell me again what happened when you arrived at Beechcroft Avenue?

A. As far as I can remember we arrived and saw some carriers parked at the junction and some P.C.'s with shields we stopped at the bottom of the road and went up the road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left the room at 3.11pm - 3.15pm)

Q. Which road did you stop in?

A. The Uxbridge Road - it was the main road. [REDACTED]

Q. Show me on that plan (shown plan of Broadway area) where you stopped?

A. I presumed we stopped there (indicated in pen on the plan) [REDACTED]

Q. How many of you got out when you stopped there?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. You say you stopped at the bottom of the road and went up the road. Who are 'we'?

A. I did, I presume the others did also. [REDACTED]

Q. What makes you presume that?

A. I automatically presumed that. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] off the carrier at that time?

A. I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] off the carrier at that time?

A. Again, I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] at the carrier at that time?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. What was going on around you when you got off the carrier?

A. All I can remember was a PC with a prisoner up against the wall, who wanted help. [REDACTED]

Q. Could you show me on the map where the PC had the prisoner against the wall (Shown map)

A. He was up against a wall. I can't remember where. [REDACTED]

Q. Was it in Beechcroft Avenue or was it in the Broadway?

A. It was in Beechcroft Avenue [REDACTED]

Q. Your sure about that?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which side of the road in Beechcroft Ave.

A. I think it was on the left (pointed to side of rd with odd numbers) [REDACTED]

Q. Why are you so sure it was that side of the road?

A. Thats how I remember it. [REDACTED]

Q. How far into Beechcroft Avenue was the man being detained?

A. (Shown map) I'm not sure. All I can remember was that he was against a wall [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. When you left the carrier, which door did you leave by?

A. I think it would have been the side door. [REDACTED]

Q. Which side door

A. There was one for the operator which is beside the driver. and there is the side door just further back for the passengers. It was the passengers door I used. [REDACTED]

Q. How far awsy was the PC who made the arrest, when you got out? [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember. I don't know how long the road is, even. [REDACTED]

Q. If I was to tell you 90 yards long would that help?

A. I don't know. We were only there for a matter of minutes. Its the first time I've been in Beechcroft Avenue in my life. [REDACTED]

Q. What happened to the prisoner?

A. He was put on the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Was the carrier still in the Broadway at this time?

A. No, it was at the top of the road. [REDACTED]

Q. Could you indicate on the plan?
(Shown plan)

A. As far as I recall, it was right up in the corner (Marked plan) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. So you've drawn the carrier where the prisoner was put on at Beechcroft Avenue J/W Orchard Avenue outside No. 62 Is that correct?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Who put the prisoner on the carrier ?

A. Myself and another PC. [REDACTED]

Q. How far did you have to take the prisoner before you put him on the carrier?

A. I'm not sure, I can't honestly say. [REDACTED]

Q. Was it a few yards, many yards?

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

Q. How did you get from the Broadway to outside no. 62 Orchard Avenue.

A. I presumed I ran up there or walked. All I remember is seeing the PC with the prisoner and I went up to him. [REDACTED]

Q. Is that right?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get to Orchard Avenue before the carrier or did the carrier get there first?

A. The carrier arrived first and I remember putting the prisoner in. [REDACTED]

Q. Who were these officers with the shields up here (indicated to Broadway J/W Beechcroft Ave on plan)

A. I presume they were three unit but I don't know any officers on three unit I just presumed it. [REDACTED]

Q. Were they SPG officers or District officers?

A. As they were near carriers I took them to be SPG officers [REDACTED]

Q. When you were travelling along Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue did you see any other police officers in the road?

A. No. All I can remember is the PC and the prisoner. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where did the officers with the shields go?

A. I don't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any officers in Orchard Avenue junction with Beechcroft Avenue. with shields?

A. Not that I can remember. [REDACTED]

Q. When you put the prisoner into the carrier who else was in the carrier at that time?

A. I couldn't really say. [REDACTED] as driving. I'm not really sure how many officers were on there. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] in the carrier?

A. Yes, he was driving [REDACTED]

Q. Was he the only one in the carrier?

A. Again, I'm not sure. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. You were more specific in your statement.

A. I can't remember whether there was officers on the carrier or not. [REDACTED]

Q. When you first got off the carrier, did you draw your truncheon?

A. Yeah. [REDACTED]

Q. Why?

A. Because of the situation the whole day had been. [REDACTED]

Q. We are talking about the situation at the Broadway junction with Beechcroft Avenue. and at Orchard Avenue. Why was it necessary to draw your truncheon there?

A. As I said, the situation as a whole. No way was I going to get caught out. and thats that. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the situation as a whole?

A. I wasn't going the get caught, it was adeterent. I didn't want anything to happen. [REDACTED]

Q. A deterrent to who?

A. As I said, I took my stick out. You know, just a situation where you were getting worried. [REDACTED]

Q. Why?

A. Because of the overall situation of the whole day. [REDACTED]

Q. I put it to you that the carrier did not stop in the Broadway J/W Beechcroft Ave. but drove straight down Beechcroft Avenue and stopped outside no. 62 Orchard Ave exactly as you've indicated on the plan. What have you to say about that.

A. That's not as I remember it.

Q. The reason why you can't remember as you went down Beechcroft Avenue, between Broadway and Orchard Avenue, is because you were in the carrier until it stopped outside No. 62.

A. Again, that is not as I remember it.

Q. I put it to you that you are lying to protect yourself when you say you can't remember.

A. No, I've got nothing to hide. [REDACTED]

Q. As you have agreed [REDACTED] was the driver of that carrier and he says he never stopped at the Broadway but drove straight down to Orchard Avenue is he lying.

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. As you have agreed [REDACTED] was on that carrier and he agrees that the carrier did not stop at the Broadway but drove straight down to Orchard Ave. Is he lying.

A. Again, I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] is on that carrier and he says the carrier drove straight down Beschcroft Avenue before stopping at Orchard Avenue. Is he lying.

A. Again, I don't know. I've told you the way I recollect things. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] says he was on that carrier and he says it drove straight down Beschcroft Avenue and did not stop till it got to Orchard Avenue. Is he lying.

A. Again I've told you how I recollect things. He may recollect it different. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. They're quite definite about what happened.
It's not a recollection with them.

A. Well that's how I recollect things [REDACTED]

Q. The truth is your lying or you don't
really know where you got off the
vehicle. This is your opportunity to put
it right.

A. As I said, that's how I recollect it.
If they recollect it different, there
you go. [REDACTED]

Q. Because of your vague recollection,
if the other officers say you
were on the carrier until you got to
Orchard Avenue are you prepared to
accept that is the correct position.

A. That's how I remember it. I could
be wrong, but that's how I recollect
it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. I put it to you again, if they say you were on the carrier until it reached Orchard Avenue, could that be correct.

A. That's not my recollection. They could be right, they could be wrong. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED] of three unit.

A. No, not really. [REDACTED]

Q. Would you know him by sight as opposed to name

A. Is he up here at the moment. [REDACTED]

Q. No.

A. In that case I don't know him [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know that Inspector that is up here at the moment.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. What's his name

A. [REDACTED]

Q. If that is his name, why did you ask me if that was [REDACTED]

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

Q. This person that was arrested, could he have been arrested there (Shown plan) Pointed to side of 62 Orchard Avenue in Beechcroft Avenue

A. He could have been, he was up against a high wall. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. You are certain the arrest did not take place in the Broadway

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you equally certain the arrest was in Beechcroft Ave.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Was the arrest at the Broadway end of Beechcroft Ave or the Orchard Ave end of Beechcroft Ave.

A. Well he was put in the carrier on the top end. I'm not honestly sure where he was. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have to walk the full length of Beechcroft Avenue or just walk a few yards

A. Well I presumed it must have been up the top otherwise he would have been put in the carrier at the bottom. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. By the top, do you mean the Orchard Avenue end

A. Thinking about it logically, Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. We have established that he was put in the carrier near Orchard Avenue. How far did you have to walk.

A. I cannot be sure [REDACTED]

Q. Who was the officer you assisted

A. It was another officer. I wish I knew who it was. [REDACTED]

Q. SPG ?

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

Q. What rank was he?

A. I think he was a PC [REDACTED]

Q. I can tell you that a person was arrested by the house no. 62 and he was put on the carrier but you did not assist him!

A. No, that's not how I remember it. [REDACTED]

Q. The reason you don't remember is because you lying!

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. There were two police officers present when he was put in the van but you were not one of them. I'm in a position to prove you are lying if you insist that you were one of them!

A. I helped put a prisoners on that carrier. and you can say what you like. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you describe the prisoner?

A. Far as I can remember, he was a young Pakistani wearing blue denim jeans. [REDACTED]

Q. Was he struggling or did he go into the van peacefully?

A. I don't remember a particularly violent struggle. [REDACTED]

Q. What did you do then?

A. Got in the carrier with him. [REDACTED]

Q. So on the carrier that was [REDACTED] the driver, the prisoner yourself and the other police officer.

A. There may have been other people on there but I'm not sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] on there?

A. I think he may have been. I'm not sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] on the carrier then?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. What about [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

(Interval. 4.40pm - 4.46pm - toilet)

Q. What happened to the carrier then?

A. It drove off down the road. [REDACTED]

Q. And you were on board

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did it stop?

A. Down the bottom of the road. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you show me on the big plan where it was (indicated spot o/sno. 7 Orchard Ave)

A. Where there was a giant puddle of water. [REDACTED]

Q. I put it to you, you were not on the carrier when the prisoner was put on board the carrier and I have the evidence of other police officers to prove that. Do you want to tell me the truth?

A. I've told you the truth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. In your statement of the 17th May you said, [REDACTED] drove down the road behind you - earlier in this interview you said he arrived at Orchard Avenue ahead of you - what is the truth?

A. He was there when we put the prisoner on [REDACTED]

Q. I accept he was there when you put the prisoner on, but did the carrier follow you down the road or did it pass you when you were going down the road?

A. I presume it must have past me. [REDACTED]

Q. Why did you say in your statement that it followed you down the road?

A. That's what I thought happened, maybe I'm wrong but that's what I thought happened. [REDACTED]

Q- Are you telling me that at some stage the carrier passed you?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q- So you are not telling the truth that [REDACTED] followed you down the road in the carrier in your statement?

A. Obviously it overtook me to get into Orchard Avenue. [REDACTED]

Q- How long was the carrier stationary at the corner of Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue?

A. Long enough to put the prisoner on and go away. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember a plastic cone being stuck underneath the carrier as it drove down Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I can't remember. I been told about this cone but I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] off the carrier at any time?

A. No I can't remember but it is not practice to leave the carrier on it's own. [REDACTED]

Q. I'm going to put it to you that when the carrier stopped at corner of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue, [REDACTED] you, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got out of the vehicle out of the side door and went to a group of people standing on the corner outside no 62 - what have you to

Q. (Cont)

say about that?

A.

No not true. Not in my case certainly. [REDACTED]

Q.

Did you see such a thing happen if you were not there?

A.

No. [REDACTED]

Q.

It is alleged that the officers who got off this carrier at that point went towards this group and pushed them round the corner and you are one of them. What have you to say about that?

A.

No its not true. [REDACTED]

Q. It is understood that a man with the name Blair Peach received an injury to his head from which he has since died. What do you know about that?

A. Nothing. [REDACTED]

Q. Witnesses have said that they saw a police officer strike the man Peach, with a truncheon at this location. Did you see that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. You have already said you had your truncheon in your hand in Beechcroft Ave. When did you put it back in your pocket?

A. When I went up to the prisoner. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you strike anyone at all with the truncheon whilst you had it out?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any other Police Officer strike anyone with a truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any other Police Officer with a truncheon out at this time?

A. Not that I can remember, no. [REDACTED]

Q. A number of people received injuries in this vicinity and it is alleged these injuries are caused by police truncheons - what do you know about that?

A. Nothing. [REDACTED]

Q. I put it to you that you have lied to me when you said you got out of the carrier at the Broadway, when you say you assisted to put the prisoner on the carrier and when you denied you were one of the officers that de-bussed at Beechcroft/Orchard Avenue and ran into the group on the

Q. Pavement - what have you say about that?

A. No, I didn't [REDACTED]

Q. How long have you been on the SPG?

A. Six months [REDACTED]

Q. In that time have you ever struck anyone with your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. In your whole police service have you ever drawn you truncheon and struck anyone?

A. I think I've drawn it once apart from this incident. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use it on that other occasion?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you own an unauthorised truncheon?

A. I have a victorian truncheon at home which is an old Victorian painted one. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you get that from?

A. Junk shop. [REDACTED]

Q. How much did that cost?

A. I think it was £10. I can show you the shop. I know the woman who runs it but the shops gone. [REDACTED]

Q. How long ago did you buy it?

A. two or three years ago. [REDACTED]

Q. Where is that truncheon?

A. Hanging up at home. I collect weapons. [REDACTED]

Q. What sort of weapons?

A. Nazi daggers, primarily bayonets and swords and old uniforms, helmets and medals and the like. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you own a cosh amongst these items?

A. There is - I don't know how you describe it a long piece of wood with a lead ball which has plated leather over the ball and over the handle - I can tell you where I got that from - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Orpington, Kent. [REDACTED]

(interval 5.30pm - 5.35pm)

Q. Have you ever carried that cosh with you on duty?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know any police officers that have unauthorised coshes or truncheon?

A. No. - apart from those you found the other night but I didn't know until afterwards [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know how long [REDACTED] has had a weapon called a cosh or blackjack? [REDACTED]

A. I did not know until I found out and he was taken away the other night. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you ever been loaned such an item by anyone? [REDACTED]

A. No.

Q. What knowledge have you got of such weapons being used by Police Officers?

A. None at all. [REDACTED]

Q. As a collector of similar items, surely you've discussed them with your colleagues? [REDACTED]

A. Yes. They all know I collect them because they look out for them, for me. [REDACTED]

Q. Have any of the SPG Officers put you in the way of collectors items?

A. A PC gave me badges. One says he's got a dagger at his mums and he'll try and look it out for me. [REDACTED] has got a dagger but he is keeping it for sentimental value. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you ever tried to buy that cash
of [REDACTED]

A. I never knew of its existence. [REDACTED]

Q. What do you know about unauthorised
weapons carried by SPG Officers in
their carriers?

A. I have known sledge hammers are carried
but these have been used on specific
occasions to obtain entry to premises. They
are not carried as weapons. We would have
a warrant when entry was necessary and
was refused, then maybe a sledge hammer
maybe used. We also carry jemmys for
the same thing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Are these authorised or unauthorised tools that you have on carriers?

A. I don't know the answer to that. [REDACTED]

Q. To your knowledge does any officer of rank know about the existence of such tools and their use?

A. They do. [REDACTED]

Q. Who?

A. Skippers must do and the guvonor [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Anyone else?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. There were some pickaxe handles and staves found that night. What would they be used for?

A. They are used when searching for children, for locking in bushes and the likes. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] had more weapons and instruments in his locker than anyone else when we searched it. Have you any suggesting why that should be?

A. Knowing [REDACTED] as I do, he is a bit of a magpie and he would stop to pick up a bolt in the street. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. I'm told that when any tools were required for a job, such as breaking into premises. [REDACTED] is the one who supplies them. Is that correct?

A. I wouldn't say that's absolutely correct. It's not stone bunker correct. He supplies them sometimes, but sometimes anyone whose got them will supply them. [REDACTED]

Q. There was a stolen driving licence in the locker room at Barnes when we search it. What do you know about that?

A. Nothing. [REDACTED]

Q. Has it been agreed amongst you and other officers who were at Southall on the 23rd April, that you would all give the same account of events of the incidents at Beechcroft/Orchard Avenue?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Is there anything you can tell me that can assist in determining how Blair Peach met his death.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. You agreed that you have discussed this incident with officers from your unit. Do you know of anyone who can assist us with our enquiries?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Is there anything else you wish to say?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] I have asked you a number of questions and you have given me some answers which I do not believe are true. I want to give you one final opportunity before I terminate this interview to tell the truth.

A. I have told you the truth. [REDACTED]

TERMINATED:
6.05pm

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I have read the previous
SIXTY-ONE (61) pages and been
allowed to correct or alter any
of the question and answers
made. I have initialled each
question and signed at the
bottom of each page. This
questionnaire is correct.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] (EN)

By [REDACTED]

at IS

on 25.4.79

commenced at 6.35 p.m.

finished at 6.40 p.m.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A Barnes - 3 p.m. I think [REDACTED]

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

A. No I don't think so [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. I think someone asked me if I had a truncheon

I cannot remember whom. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

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Interview with: [REDACTED] LEYTONSTONE.
SPG. 3 UNIT
Interviewed by: D.C.I. [REDACTED]
Officers present: D.S. [REDACTED]
Date. 24.8.79 Time. 11.15 a.m. Place. C.O. CIB(2)

There are a number of questions I wish to ask you in connection with your duties on 23rd. April, 1979, at Southall.

Q. Were you on Carrier U. 19 on which the injured [REDACTED] was awaiting an ambulance?
A. No. I arrived back at U.19 after [REDACTED] he had been taken by ambulance.

Q. Were you aware of a white prisoner being brought back to that carrier, ~~and~~
~~to the carrier, near the prison, at the time?~~
A. I wasn't aware of a white prisoner at that time at all. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you say, or did you hear any other officer say words to the effect, "What have you brought him back for?" Referring to a white man.
A. No.

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Q. Or words to the effect, "What has he done?"

A. No. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] suggests he was placed on the carrier where there was a n injured P.C. and was released before the injured P.C. went in the ambulance. Do you recall such an incident?

A. No, and I have never heard any comment to that effect on the unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember if there were any P.C.'s from another ^{Unit} ~~unit~~ on U .19 at around that time?

A. When I arrived back there were no strange personnel on the carrier. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED] arriving - [REDACTED] and others from my unit were there. There could have been other officers from 3 unit there but not other units. Finish 11.25 a.m. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview with : [REDACTED]

Interviewed by : D.C.I. [REDACTED]

Officers present: D.S. [REDACTED]

Time: 2pm Date: 28.8.79 Place: C.I.B.(2)

There are a number of questions I wish to ask you in connection with your duty at Southall on 23rd. April, 1979.

Q. When you ran down Beechcroft Avenue in pursuit of the man in the yellow jumper, who were the officers in front of you?

I can't enlarge on my statement. [REDACTED]
were in front of me. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there officers behind you?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall who they were.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. When you got into Orchard Avenue, did any officers of another unit run past you in the direction of the cul-de-sac?

A. I can't recall any officers overtaking me but I slowed down and they could have done [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. As you approached the end house NO. 82, you said in your statement that you saw a white man aged about 30 years, exactly where do you recall he was standing?

A. I have been told that I am a suspect for assaults in that vicinity and I feel that in the absence of professional legal advice it would be against my interest to answer any questions relating to events of that location at this stage. [REDACTED]

Q. Legal advice is of course a matter for you. I have not cautioned you. I assume that you are referring to the time of the identification parade.

A. That is correct sir. [REDACTED]

Q. ~~Can you describe him?~~

It is a matter for you whether you choose to answer or not. I'll ask the questions please, comment if you think fit.

A.

A. I am not refusing to answer the questions I'll consider them in the light of legal advice. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you wish to call your solicitors

A. No not at this stage [REDACTED]

Q. Can you describe the man you say you saw in your statement

A. I don't wish to answer that Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you or any other officer stop to talk to him?

A. I don't wish to answer that Sir [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] top to talk to the man?

A. I don't wish to answer that because all these questions presume that I saw the man. [REDACTED]

Q. When you went into the side alley of the end house, did you see [REDACTED] there?

A. I don't wish to answer that. [REDACTED]

In your statement

Q. / You say you met [REDACTED] coming out. whereabouts was he at this time?

A. I don't wish to answer that sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In your statement

Q. / You say you then walked round to the back of the house and saw [REDACTED] What was he doing?

A. I don't wish to answer that Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Had you passed a girl in the alleyway on your way in. Was anyone with her?

A. I don't wish to answer that. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you go up and speak to her? a girl [REDACTED]

A. I don't wish to answer that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. ~~Did you see this girl again?~~ at any time see a girl. [REDACTED]

A. I don't wish to answer that question. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see ~~to~~^{two} other P.C.'s in the rear garden?

A. I don't wish to answer that. [REDACTED]

Q. ~~What were they doing?~~ [REDACTED] Is there any reason why you should not answer the question if you did see two other P.C.'s there. [REDACTED]

A. Yes, because if I say I did that confirms that I must have entered the garden to see them.

Q. Are you saying that you were not in the garden.

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Do you know who they were?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you speak to them?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

Q. Did they have a demonstrator with them?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did they leave the garden before you?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see them again? [REDACTED]

A.

Q. We know that [REDACTED] detained a white man in that location. Do you know [REDACTED] of one unit?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall seeing him at the scene?

A. I didn't know him until the identification parade. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you follow them back up Orchard Avenue?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

Q. Who were you with?

A. I don't wish to answer. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there other officers with or around you when you returned up Orchard Avenue?

A. I don't wish to answer that. [REDACTED]

Q. To which carrier did you return?

A. Uniform 21

Q. Was the injured [REDACTED] on that carrier?

A. Not to my recollection. I think he had gone prior to my arrival Uniform 20, my carrier, was at Wembley with prisoners. [REDACTED]

Q. Was there a white prisoner on the carrier? when you got there.

A. Not to my recollection. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you or any other officer say words to the effect, " What have you brought him back for" or "what has he done?" referring to a white man on the carrier.

A. No, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any officers from another unit on your carrier?

A. No, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall a white prisoner being released from the carrier before Murray went off in the ambulance?

A. No, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Is there anything you wish to add which may assist?

A. I do not wish to be obstructive to this investigation but I feel that the type of political motivated person making allegations in this case it is in my interest to say nothing further except that I struck or assaulted no one in Orchard or Beachcroft Avenue. [REDACTED]

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Interview with : [REDACTED]

Time. 11.10 Date. 20.8.79 Place. G.D. Room 928

Interviewer ; [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)

Officer present : [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)

Q. You were interviewed on 24th April, 11th. May and 26th. June, 1979, when you were asked to account for your movements on 23rd. April, 1979, in connection with the Southall demonstration. On the evidence at hand there appear to be a number of inconsistencies in your recollection of events. I now wish to ask a number of further questions about these matters.

Are you sure in your own mind that you have re-called the specific occasion when you went to Beechcroft Avenue as a result of an urgent assistance call from 3 Unit at about 8p m.?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you re-call any other time that day when you went down Beechcroft Avenue ?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. When you responded to the urgent assistance call, did you arrive at the scene travelling behind one other carrier from your unit?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. One only ?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Was the vehicle in front of you U.11, on which [REDACTED] was travelling?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you approach in Broadway from the direction of Hayes at a fast speed?

A. Yes. From the opposite end of
Southall to the Town Hall. i.e.
Towards the Town Hall. [REDACTED]

Q. What distance were you from the carrier in front?

A. Only a matter of feet.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did the carriers turn quickly into Beechcroft Avenue?

A. Yes we did. [REDACTED]

Q. Was there a traffic cone stuck under the front of the first carrier at that time

A. I seem to remember a traffic cone under U.11 at some time but I am not exactly sure where this was or when. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it still your re-collection that a traffic cone was stuck under that carrier later that evening and not at that location? This was your previous recollection.

A. My recollection is that it was but I am not sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Many witnesses establish that the cone was stuck under the first carrier when it turned into Beechcroft Avenue in front of your carrier. Can you explain why you should believe that this was an incident which occurred later that evening?

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

Q. We also know that the carrier in front of you did not stop at the top of Beechcroft at that time but continued to the junction with Orchard Avenue, before it stopped. How do you explain your previous account that you saw the cone under the carrier after you had got from your carrier?

A. I can distinctly remember looking back and seeing it. It must have stopped.

Q. If it stopped at the Orchard Ave end and you stopped behind it there then it is possible you could have seen the cone at that point

A. No it was definitely stopped by Broadway. That is my carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. According to your account this would have placed you in front of U.11. carrier at the Broadway end of Beechcroft, which we now know cannot be true. Can you account for this?

A. No I can't. That is my recollection [REDACTED]

- Q. How was the cone removed from underneath the carrier?
- A. I don't know. I looked around and saw it going along with the cone underneath. [REDACTED]
- Q. If you saw it going along in which street would it be driving.
- A. It was not in the main road but I can still not say I saw it in Beechcroft or Orchard Ave. [REDACTED]
- Q. [REDACTED] the driver of that carrier also states that the cone was under his carrier at a time later in the evening. He says his crew de-bussed and he removed it? Do you re-call that?
- A. No. I don't remember seeing anyone take it out. [REDACTED]
- Q. Is it right that you discussed this incident with [REDACTED] and your joint re-collection was that the incident was later in the evening and unrelated to the Beechcroft incident?
- A. He said to me in the parade room some days later, did I remember seeing a cone under his carrier. I said 'yes' he asked me where this was. I told him I thought it was later in the evening. [REDACTED]
- Q. From this I take it you suggested to him that the cone was stuck under there at a different location.
- A. Yes.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

A. Has the fact that you now know from me that the cone was in fact under [REDACTED] carrier at the Beechcroft incident caused you to remember the matter more clearly?

A. No. But I don't deny that that is probably true. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you otherwise explain why only [REDACTED] and you should have this story about the cone?

A. No. Unless he can't remember and he accepted what I said. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you agree with [REDACTED] that you would give such an account about the cone if asked?

A. No. We never talked about that. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he tell you that he had mentioned it in his statement in interview.

A. I can't remember him saying anything about it being asked of him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Is there any reason why either of you should make up this story about the cone knowing that it was not true?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Witnesses to this incident overwhelmingly suggest that the first carrier did not stop at the top of Beechcroft as you suggested. At the most it could have merely momentarily stopped, which would not have allowed you time to get out of your carrier and go to the front of [REDACTED] carrier to see the traffic cone. Do you agree that this must be so?

A. No. I don't [REDACTED]

Q. If the first carrier did not stop and the one was there under the front and you got out of your carrier where you said you did you tell me how it would be possible to see the cone.

A. We both stopped at Beechcroft by the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. But that we now know is not true.

A. I am sorry. I think it is. I firmly believe it. [REDACTED]

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Q. You also said previously that you saw [REDACTED] beside one of the carriers at the Broadway end of Beechcroft when you first de-bussed. Do you still say you did?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. We now know from [REDACTED] and others that he did not get out of the carrier at the top of the street. How do you explain the fact that you have insisted you saw him there?

A. That's what I can remember. I remember seeing him there. [REDACTED]

Q. Could your recollection be faulty because we know he was not there.

A. It is possible, but I am convinced. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] initially said he had got out at the top of Beechcroft and later changed his mind. How do you explain the fact that you still corroborate his initial story?

A. I don't know. That is what I remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Of course, [REDACTED] has also said he got out at the top of the street. Did you see him there?

A. All I really remember seeing off Ull was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Has [REDACTED] told you he was there?

A. No. I can't remember him saying it. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] says he got out at the Orchard Avenue end of Beechcroft.

A. What I meant was I saw [REDACTED] down by Orchard Ave. [REDACTED] was the only one I remember at Broadway.

Q. Did you say you saw [REDACTED] at the top of the street after speaking with him about the incident?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Has he said anything to you at anytime which might have caused you to wrongly recall him at the top of the Beechcroft Avenue?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. How do you explain saying he was there when we now know he was not?

A. As I have said that was my recollection. I may be wrong but I don't feel I am. It would be wrong of me to change my mind. [REDACTED]

Q. Other than your recollection being faulty I can not see an explanation for you suggesting that [REDACTED] was at the Broadway end.

A. Neither can I [REDACTED]

Q. Your re-collection on the day after the event, according to you initial questionnaire, was that on getting from your carrier and running down the street an officer shouted, "a bloke in a yellow jumper has got one of our blokes". You later said this was not heard by you, but mentioned later on that day. How do you explain that the day after the event you were saying something which was clearly not correct?

A. I suppose really I assumed this after blokes had been chatting about it. Someone did shout something. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible that you agreed with [REDACTED] shortly after the event to say you had seen him there?

A. Definitely not. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Of course, if you did not walk or run down Beechcroft from the Broadway end you could not have heard such a remark in that street could you?

A. I suppose I couldn't have done [REDACTED]

Q. Is it still your re-collection that you were the first officer to reach the end of the cul-de-sac in Orchard Avenue?

A. Yes.

Q. Officers from 3 unit suggest they were first to the end of the cul-de-Sac. Which would appear correct. If your vehicle debussed near the Broadway and your crew followed 3 unit officers down. [REDACTED]

A. No. I sprinted past them. [REDACTED]

Q. Did they follow you in to the rear of no. 82.

A. Yes. They were right behind me. [REDACTED]

Q. Exactly where did you detain the man you described in your statement?

A. In a yard at the side of the last house on the right. I seem to remember it was by some dustbins. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Were you aware of any other person detained in that vicinity?

A. No.

Q. Did you see any other person there. [REDACTED]

A. Yes there were 5/6 running away.
I grabbed the last one. The others
all went over a wall.

Q. Why detain him.

A. He was the last one - the only one I
could catch. [REDACTED]

Q. We know that an officer from 3 unit detained the
man in the yellow jumper who ran down that
cul-de-sac. If you were the first there
and couldn't catch the others how do you
explain that the 3 unit officer managed to
do so.

A. If he caught him in the yard I can't
explain it. If he caught him in
the street part of the cul-de-sac I
wouldn't dispute it. There was a lot
of activity going on there as I was
running towards the end of the road. [REDACTED]

Q. He caught the man after a chase over
the gardens at the rear of the end
house. Did you see the man in
the yellow jumper he was chasing?

A. No. I can only suggest as I caught
the last one. The others followed the
ones running away over the wall.
I don't remember seeing them though.
I was too occupied with my one.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. If you were first there as you say how can you explain not seeing the man in the yellow jumper who we know was caught after a chase down the cul-de-sac?

A. As I went after these blokes there was a lot of activity. I just grabbed the first one I could. I couldn't tell you anything about any of the others. [REDACTED]

Q. Would you describe exactly what you did to detain the man.

A. I dragged him out into the street.

Q. How.

A. By his arm or lapels. I remember now I had him by the jumper and I was dragging him by that [REDACTED]

Q. What was he wearing.

A. A black jumper. Black or very dark trousers. I can't recall what else. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Q. A blue or dark donkey jacket
over the jumper. [REDACTED]
- A. No. I don't think so. I am not
sure. [REDACTED]
- Q. What did he look like.
- A. He had fair, long, greasy
hair. I.C.I. about 5'-10".
Pale complexion and his breath
smelt. [REDACTED]
- Q. Could he have had dark hair.
- A. No it was fair. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] there with you when the man was detained?

A. I don't remember seeing him there but
I saw him in the street when
I pulled him out. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he or any other officer assist you to bring the man into Orchard Avenue?

A. I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] or any other officer there when the arrest was made?

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

Q. A 3 unit officer - fat.

A. I don't remember but there were
some SPG 3 unit men about [REDACTED]

Q. Did you say anything to the man when you detained him?

A. I don't remember saying anything
except in the street when I
told him to piss off. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you release him?

A. Down by 82. We only walked
a few feet. [REDACTED]

Q. Why did you release him?

A. Some 3 unit blokes were there.
I asked if he was one of the ones
throwing bricks. No one
recognised him so I let him go. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. What other officers were with you at that time?

A. I saw [redacted] and some
3 unit blokes. None of them were
with me. [redacted]

Q. We have traced a man, [redacted] who appears to be the man detained
by you. Is there anything you now wish to tell me about this matter?

A. No. [redacted]

Q. You said in a previous interview you told the man to 'pee off'. Is that so?

A. Yes. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

- Q. [REDACTED] says he was not released in Orchard Avenue . What do you say to that?
- A. That's where I let him go. [REDACTED]

- Q. He says that he was at first thrown to the ground when stopped in the cul-de-sac by an officer who held a truncheon in his hand. Was that officer you?
- A. No. Definitely not. [REDACTED]

- Q. Another officer, he suggests, then struck a blow with a truncheon towards his groin, which in fact hit his pelvis. Did you do that or see any other officer do so?
- A. No I did not. [REDACTED]

- Q. He was then dragged to his feet and held by an officer on each arm. Is that
- A. I do not recall that. [REDACTED]

- Q. One officer he says held him by his hair. Is that so?
- A. No. [REDACTED]

- Q. Another officer apparently said, 'You like Paki bastards?' and then struck him in the mouth with the back of his ~~hand~~ clenched fist. Did you do or see that happen?
- A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. He was then taken towards Beechcroft, an officer holding each arm, whilst another officer was poking him in the back with a truncheon. Is that true?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Was his nose bleeding at any time ?

A. I don't remember seeing his nose bleeding. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] suggests he said, 'I have not done anything' and was hit in the mouth as previously and the officer said, 'bastard'. Is that correct?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. He says he was taken up Beechcroft, across Broadway to a blue SPG van. Is that right?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. In-side the carrier he noticed an injured P.C., who was presumably [REDACTED]. Did you put [REDACTED] into such an S.P.G. carrier?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. You have previously stated that you returned on foot to Broadway and went to a carrier which was not your own. Is that so?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. In that carrier you saw the injured [REDACTED] did'nt you?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain to me why you should go to a 3 unit carrier in the Broadway when your own unit carriers were in that area?.

A. Well I didn't see my own unit at that time. [REDACTED]

Q. They were there though.

A. Yes they were. They were in Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it that [REDACTED] is right and that he was placed on that 3 unit carrier in which the injured P.C. had been taken to await an ambulance?

A. Not by me. [REDACTED]

Q. But it would account for your movements wouldn't it. When you went to the 3 unit carrier.

A. I suppose it would, but I didn't take him with me. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you suggest how else [REDACTED] would know about the injured officer?

A. No. I can't [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] says that an officer asked, 'what have you brought him back for' referring the question to the officer putting him in the carrier. Was that question directed to you?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. An officer also asked 'what has he done' ? Did you hear that said?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. When you went to that 3 unit carrier was there a prisoner there ?

A. No I didn't see one. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] then says an officer took hold of him by his collar and pushed him out of the carrier? Were you involved in this?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see such an incident?.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] then says he saw the van start up and he was left standing in the street? Did you see that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see the van start up.

A. No I went over. Saw it wasn't my unit saw the injured man and left. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Whilst you were at the rear of No. 82, Orchard Ave., did you see a young white girl standing in the back yard?

A. I could have been looking straight at her but I do not recall her. [REDACTED]

Q. A young white girl was hit with a truncheon in that location at about the time you were there. Have you any knowledge of this matter?

No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any incident in that area concerning a young woman?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Anyone who could have been a young woman in that location.

A. No. I only remember my bloke. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Q. As you know
it is intended to hold I.D. parades on a later date and you may be asked to
attend.
- A. I know. [REDACTED]
- Q. Is there anything else you want to
tell me.
- A. Only that my recollection of the
day is mixed up and hazy.
I might have got things wrong.
but I never hit anybody. [REDACTED]

Finished 12.25pm

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

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

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 24th day of April, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 [REDACTED] Unit of the Special Patrol Group. We were to be employed at an election meeting in Southall after taking refreshments at Feltham. However, at about 4p.m. we were called to the Broadway Southall to give another Unit assistance. In fact by the time we arrived things had quietened down and we were given a patrol. At about 5p.m., whilst on this patrol I noticed a gathering of 'hard line' demonstrators by a police cordon at Uxbridge Road, at the junction with Park View. I reported the situation which was tense and asked several times for assistance. A coloured man with a loud-hailer was inciting the crowd to fight the police. Things deteriorated until at 6.15p.m., the mob began showering the cordon with missiles.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... 1218

*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

They then turned on our Unit and one [REDACTED] stabbed and two rendered unconscious by blows to the head. I was knocked to the ground and given a severe kicking. However, when mounted branch came to our assistance I managed to get up, find a shield and joined the other officers in dispersing the crowd, an operation which took about 30 - 40 minutes. At the end of this I was sore and exhausted. In this time our policy was to chase missile throwing demonstrators, disperse them, get back on the vehicles, and look for others. In all I estimate we did this six or seven times. Eventually we were able to regroup at Southall Police Station and account for all our injured officers and those with prisoners. At about 8 p.m. we were parked as a Unit in a sideroad off the Broadway when a call came from 3 Unit requiring urgent assistance. When we arrived at the location, Beechcroft Avenue, I saw [REDACTED] Unit chasing missile throwing demonstrators down the road. We then embarked on another operation similar to before. My instructions regarding the use of shield and truncheons were that officers were to use their discretion if under attack or in personal danger. Some [REDACTED] officers, including myself got out at this point and ran after the 3 Unit officers. The carrier drove down the road. At the junction with Orchard Avenue I met up with the carrier and saw [REDACTED] struggling with a violent prisoner, and I recall another 3 Unit officer present also. Demonstrators were still hurling missiles

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

and I could see officers [REDACTED] dispersing them. They were doing this by shouting at them and running towards them. It was very effective, causing what was a very ugly crowd to become a number of disorganized small groups of no further problem. Some officers had their truncheons drawn. At no time did I see any officer make actual contact with the demonstrators, although some of the demonstrators fell over as they ran off. I met up with the carrier at the junction with Herbert Road, where I had a heated exchange with a member of the press. Two or three carriers turned round and once again [REDACTED] we made off back along Orchard Avenue and away. I have been asked if I recall a man sitting in Beechcroft Avenue at the junction with Orchard Avenue. He is described as aged 31, wearing a duffle coat, blue or grey cord trousers, brown boots and had a beard. I do not recall this man at that location, or any other. I have been asked if I can identify any of the officers who were at Beechcroft Avenue at the junction with Orchard Avenue at this time and the task they were carrying out. [REDACTED] was driving the carrier and stayed with it. Also with our carrier was [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED]. I remember they got out, but I could not

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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

say definitely where each officer went. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] followed us down the road, driven
by [REDACTED] but I understand they turned half right into
the dead end, and dealt with the problem there. There was
also one or two 3 Unit carriers present either then or very
soon afterwards.

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... 1241

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of [REDACTED]
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]
 Address and Telephone Number No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group
 Barnes Police Station

This statement,* consisting of 28 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 17th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I joined the Metropolitan Police on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was transferred to the Special Patrol Group in May 1977 and for the first six months or so [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On Monday 23 April 1979 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we were to be employed as a mobile reserve on the occasion of an election meeting by the National Front. On that occasion we were shown on the Operation Order as Serial 131. No 1 Unit is comprised on this occasion of one Inspector [REDACTED] three Sergeants and twenty five PC's. This includes a WPC. The unit is divided into three carriers each with a Sergeant in charge and the PC's divided between the carriers. The carriers are Ford Transit personnel vehicles navy blue in colour, with a maximum capacity for carrying passengers of ten, when shields are carried. On this day there were three shields per carrier on U12 and 13, but Uniform 11 the carrier which I was

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 122

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

travelling had one extra shield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] our role that day was as a mobile reserve. [REDACTED] this could be a nasty demonstration as

violent Anti-Nazi factions were expected to be present. The individual officers detailed to carry shields are normally decided by the Sergeants on each carrier [REDACTED] once the officers are in the carriers at the start of the tour of duty. But this is totally dependent on the circumstances surrounding each carrier throughout the tour. After the parade we went to Feltham for operational feeding. We had just finished our meal when we were directed to go to Southall where we heard that police were under attack and shields were being used. By using our flashing blue lights and emergency horns we arrived at Southall just as the matter was brought under control and we were not deployed at that time. We then met up with [REDACTED] the officer

in charge of the Special Patrol Group who explained what had happened earlier and expressed the need to impress on the men that the utmost vigilance was required to spot potential trouble makers or trouble spots during the rest of the afternoon. We were given an area to patrol which was north of the Uxbridge Road and east of Lady Margaret Road. This included the various side streets and back roads in between. Sometime around five o'clock we were in the Uxbridge Road and as we approached the police cordon just west of the junction with Parkview Road I could see that the attitude of the demonstrators on both sides of the road was becoming hostile towards the police line and gradually they started to spill out across Uxbridge Road. They were also virtually blocking the junction with Park View Road. I decided to continue the patrol into Park View Road not realising it was a cul-de-sac. As we drove slowly into Park View Road I spotted groups of people going to and from the

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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first or second house on the left just opposite the church. I could see people leaning out of the windows on each floor and there was a sign on the gate which was something like Peoples' Aid Centre or Aid Centre. From the appearance and attitude of these individuals I was deeply concerned about the functions of that house and formed the opinion that it was a possible refuge for violent militants. We drove to the end of the road turned round, and then I spoke to [REDACTED] the other two carriers, who expressed the same fears as myself. We then drove back along Park View Road and parked the Unit virtually outside the house. During the next ten or fifteen minutes we observed the individuals entering and leaving the house and they were flaunting themselves in front of our carriers as they passed in groups which were made up of anything from six to fifteen people at a time. They predominantly West Indian type blacks, but there were a few Asians and whites amongst them. An alarming feature was their dress in that many were in army style uniforms with khaki trousers tucked into high lace-up heavy boots. Others had heavy footwear and many wore gloves. At this point my attention was drawn to a very distinctive coloured man who had come from the house and was addressing the gatherings of people in Park View Road at the junction with Uxbridge Road. A photograph appears in page 2 of the Daily Mail dated April 24 1979 with a caption underneath, 'Build up, Organiser urges be peaceful'. This could be nothing further from the truth because more than anyone this man was responsible for the ensuing violence that followed within the next half hour or so. I got out of my carrier and listened for five to ten minutes to what he was saying and he was urging the crowd to fight the police. He made such comments as 'The police are only the National Front in uniform'. 'They are going to arrest you anyway, you may as well

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fight them'. 'The pigs are only here to beat you up black people'.
'When they arrest you fight back'. To each slogan or comment against
the police he was applauded loudly by the demonstrators. I was so
concerned about the effect of this.....

..... The tension was noticeably building up and as police vehicles
drove along the Uxbridge Road they were greeted with chants of 'bastards
'bastards' and clenched fist gestures were made at the same time and in
rhythm to the chants. In all the demonstrations I have been to in the
past I can honestly say that I have not witnessed such a display of
hatred against the police. At some stage a foot serial arrived in Park
View Road and took up a position in the church opposite the house. At
about this time we moved our position into the centre of Uxbridge Road
facing east. I deployed the crew of U13 to keep the junction with Park
View Road clear. The man with the loud speaker was still inciting the
crowd. I asked..... for assistance of
another SPG Unit but was told they were already deployed elsewhere. I
was answered by the Chief Superintendent at the cordon that there was a
large number of officers and shield serials behind his cordon should
trouble break out. My attention was then drawn to the fact that bricks
were being piled up behind the low wall in front of the church. On
exploring I found this to be true. I then noticed in the crowd a man
wearing a badge with the word 'LAWYER' thereon. I spoke to him
explaining the dangers of these piles of bricks and asked him if he had
any control at all with the demonstrators to persuade them to calm down.
However, he flippantly suggested that if I could identify the person
responsible he would give him the necessary legal advice. I realised
that nothing useful was to be gained in seeking this person's help so I

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walked away from him. I was then told of a similar pile of bricks being gathered on the opposite side of the Uxbridge Road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was detailed with his crew to investigate. He found the bricks and removed them and noticed that a wall had been partially demolished. The tension built up with chanting and taunting of the police until it reached a stage when a missile was thrown and this seemed to be the act which all the demonstrators were waiting for. Suddenly bricks, smoke bombs, coloured dye and other objects were being thrown at the police cordon in the Uxbridge Road. As expected we found ourselves isolated between the raging crowd and the cordon. Nevertheless the officers [REDACTED] went into the crowd in an effort to apprehend the missile throwers. [REDACTED] I could

see bricks being thrown. As I arrived there I was tripped up by a demonstrator and fell by the wall of the church yard. I was then surrounded by demonstrators who were kicking as I lay on the ground. I managed to roll myself into a protective ball and drew my truncheon. I was able to lash out in defence aiming at the feet and ankles around me. Fortunately there were so many of them trying to kick me that in the confusion they were kicking each other more than me. As this was going on I could hear the hooves of approaching horses and the demonstrators ran away. I tried to grab hold of one of my assailants but he managed to break free. Fortunately my injuries were not too serious and amounted to bruising on my chest, arms and legs. I ran back to my carrier where I was trying to re-group my unit when a brick hit the carrier about a foot away, from my head and dented the bodywork of the vehicle. I took a shield out and looked around for other members of my unit. With [REDACTED] and another officer, both of whom had shields, we formed a shield formation and started dispersing missile

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throwers, a large number of whom were in Southall Park on the south side of the Uxbridge Road. In the park we gave assistance to foot duty officers who had made arrests. On leaving the park we went along the Uxbridge Road to Oakwood Avenue where a large splinter group had gathered. By this time I had re-grouped a good number of my unit, although I have seen one of my carriers being driven away. I was informed later that it had taken an injured officer to hospital after being stabbed. On approaching Oakwood Avenue we were met by a hail of whole bricks and milk bottles. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we set about dispersing them. Our carriers arrived and for the next twenty minutes or so we toured the back streets dispersing groups and seeking those we could identify as missile throwers. During the operation a number of prisoners were taken. The time was now about 6.30pm to 6.45pm. We continued to patrol as a unit until about 7.15pm

[REDACTED] I found that [REDACTED] had been taken to hospital suffering from stab wounds. I saw [REDACTED] who had been hit in the eye with a brick [REDACTED]. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance together with [REDACTED] who had been rendered unconscious at one stage. Other officers had minor injuries, but were prepared to carry on and where necessary have medical attention later.

[REDACTED]

We then resumed our patrol of the Uxbridge Road, Lady Margaret Road area. During this time we tried to arrange snacks but due to the fact that the meeting was due to start within the next half hour it was decided to keep the whole unit mobile. From time to time we parked up to take stock of the situation and to be in a convenient position if required. About

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five to or ten to eight we found ourselves in The Broadway about 50 yards away from the cordon which was further west. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] three carriers, in Herbert Road facing towards The Broadway. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had a short conversation about the condition of the men in hospital and how the events of the day were going. By now, because of injuries to officers and those away with prisoners [REDACTED] down to two Sergeants and fourteen Constables, including the WPC, to man the three carriers. [REDACTED] who had been on my carrier was away with a prisoner. On my carrier which was U11 was [REDACTED] who was the driver. I was sitting in the operator's seat which is the passenger seat on the nearside next to the driver. Behind me were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but where exactly they were sitting in the carrier I cannot exactly say. As a matter of course [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] usually sit at the rear of the vehicle but where they were at that time I do not know. In charge of the second carrier U12 was [REDACTED] and in charge of the third vehicle was [REDACTED]. As we were sitting at this location we could hear commentary regarding an attack on a coach and there was mention of a fire bomb. Exactly where the coach was I do not know, but a few moments later the coach came along The Broadway from the west, came through the police cordon and when it reached my position I could see that it was extensively damaged. The rear windows had been smashed in and there was damage to the sides as well. Within a few minutes of this a call for urgent assistance was received over the SFG radio from 3 Unit who were under attack. We immediately went to assist and [REDACTED] turned right out of Herbert Road and the other two carriers followed. Exactly what route we took after that I do not know but we

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eventually landed back in the Broadway and were travelling east towards the Town Hall when at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue I could see missiles flying through the air and landing in the Broadway. There were two carriers in the crossroads made by Beechcroft and Northcote Avenues, but where they were exactly I cannot say. I seem to recall being directed down Beechcroft Avenue by a group of non-SPG officers who were pointing down Beechcroft Avenue. On reaching the junction we either overshot Beechcroft Avenue and had to reverse back or we mounted the pavement to get round. But looking down Beechcroft Avenue I could see police officers chasing demonstrators and missiles were being thrown at the officers. At the mouth of the Broadway and Beechcroft Avenue many people were dispersing along the Broadway. The reason I say that the officers in the Broadway who were directing us into Beechcroft were non-SPG officers is that I did not recognise any of them. My recollection is that there were about ten or twelve on the footway outside the D.E.R. shop and about half a dozen on the opposite footway in the Broadway on the corner with Beechcroft Avenue. I was also aware of 3 Unit officers at the junction but what they were doing and who they were I am unable to say. As we started to drive down Beechcroft Avenue my impression is that the conflict was at least half way down the road and moving away from us. Some of the officers running down Beechcroft were carrying shields and being followed by other officers without shields. Although I recognise many of them as 3 Unit, SPG officers, I am left with the impression that there were some non-SPG officers also and something nags in the back of my mind that they were 'C' District officers, although I cannot say that I recognised any. I had seen 'C' District officers at Southall that day and had spoken to a good friend of mine, at the police station at about 7pm. I believe I Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....

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also saw [REDACTED] during the day. We drove past down Beechcroft and missiles were still being thrown. I remember a milk bottle bouncing off the top of the carrier. We pulled up sharply at the junction with Orchard Avenue at a slight angle to the left and nosing into Orchard Avenue by a yard or so. I opened the nearside passenger door and jumped out on to the roadway. The door behind me opened and officers got out. I do not know who they were. [REDACTED] was on the ground beside the carrier with a prisoner who was struggling violently. There was a 3 Unit officer with him with a shield and the impression I recall is that he was protecting [REDACTED] as there were missiles still being thrown. I shouted to [REDACTED] to get his prisoner on the carrier and he was forcefully put in through the side door by [REDACTED] and the 3 Unit officer. Whether I assisted or whether one of my officers assisted to put the prisoner on board I cannot be too sure. At about the time a second carrier which was U12 arrived, and it turned slightly to the right in to Orchard Avenue beside us. At this time I was aware of officers from my carrier and U12 and some 3 Unit officers running past the front of my carrier and chasing demonstrators towards Herbert Road. By this time the demonstrators were on the turn, ie, whereas on coming to a halt initially at Orchard Avenue there were a considerable number of people standing their ground and hurling missiles. But by the time police began to show themselves on foot more of the demonstrators turned away from us leaving only the occasional missile being thrown. As the officers pursued them they fled into gardens and back alleys. I then told [REDACTED] to drive on down Orchard Avenue to give assistance if necessary. On board the carrier were [REDACTED] his prisoner and a 3 Unit officer. The other four who were on the carrier with me were now off the carrier. I do not know where they were at that time, but

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my impression is that they were in Orchard Avenue ahead of me. As I got out of the carrier I had my truncheon in my hand held half way along the stock. I have recollections of seeing other officers with truncheon drawn, but I would like to make it clear that not every officer had his truncheon out. The reason I had my truncheon out is because I felt that I could still be in some personal danger at very short notice and I would have been in some difficulty in getting it out quickly in view of the fact that I was wearing a coat. I felt that this was a very tense situation and although their numbers were comparatively small, the concerted efforts in assaulting police with missiles left me to believe that they were a hard core group of militants. Had I been faced with an attack by any of them I would have feared a serious attack and that the use of a truncheon would have been justified in my own defence. Having said that I would like to make it clear that at no time during this incident was I subjected to attack and therefore I did not use my truncheon or hit anyone. As my carrier drove away I started to follow it on foot and moving from side of the road to the other. I have been asked if I saw police officers using their truncheons on demonstrators at Beechcroft Avenue junction with Orchard Avenue, and I only say that the only physical contact between police and demonstrators was when [REDACTED] arrested his prisoner. Although some officers had their truncheons drawn, I suspect for the same reasons as myself. I did not see them used and saw no person struck. I have been shown a photograph a man whom I am told was lying injured on the footway at Orchard Avenue junction with Beechcroft Avenue and asked if I saw that man there. I recognise the photograph as one published in newspapers of the man Blair PEACH, but I can honestly say that I have no recollection of seeing him at that location or anywhere else. As I went along Orchard Avenue I was

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passed by U12 and by the time I got to Herbert Road a 2 Unit carrier was there also having come in from the opposite direction. As I walked along Orchard Avenue demonstrators were jumping into gardens and running up back alleys and possibly on a couple of occasions officers pursued them into the alleyways to make sure they dispersed completely. Some way along the road I remember seeing [REDACTED] and I have a feeling he ran past me. When I was about 30 yards from Herbert Road a small group of demonstrators on the south footway about outside No 25, and a woman in the group appeared to be nursing a sore leg or a twisted ankle. By the time I actually reached them they were joined by another five or six persons and I told them to split up and make their way back towards Beechcroft Avenue. The woman was limping but did not require immediate medical help. By the time I reached the carriers I saw that my crew were all there but were milling around. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] By this time a foot serial had reached the junction having come down Herbert Road. What did concern me at this junction was the reluctance of the foot duty PC's to stop some pressmen from going round into Orchard Avenue. It had been my experience during the afternoon that wherever there was a camera crew, demonstrators were willing to bring themselves to notice by playing up in front of the camera. Because of this, plus the fact that there was still a number of demonstrators emerging from the gardens and back alleys I felt that they should not be allowed into Orchard Avenue. As the pressmen pushed their way through the PC's I went up to them and stopped them. My arms were out-stretched and I said something to the effect that they should turn back and make their way back up Herbert Road. I pointed out to them that during the day wherever there were pressmen the likelihood of trouble was greater. The pressmen were in [REDACTED]

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fact a camera crew. One man was carrying a camera, another had a long sausage shaped microphone and I believe there were two others. The man with the camera turned away and I thought he was moving off but he went to a foot duty Inspector who was nearby and started a conversation with him. With that I went over to them and told the pressmen to be on their way. The cameraman turned to me and said, 'I am just asking this officer' and I [REDACTED] said 'On your way' or something like that. I certainly raised my voice to the cameramen to make my point. My language was firm and could not be misinterpreted. If it is suggested that I swore at them I would say that this is quite likely, but I don't remember my exact words. In the circumstances I felt it was justified. They then left and walked back towards the Broadway. [REDACTED] U11 and U12 and did not know at that stage where U13 was. The carriers were then turned round and we drove back down Orchard Avenue into Beechcroft and back to the Broadway. At some stage very soon after that I located U13 and we met up again as a complete unit. I would like to clarify at this stage that although we had shields on board U11 none were used at this location. As I went down Orchard Avenue from Beechcroft none of the officers in front of me had shields either. Turning left into the Broadway I saw that the demonstrators were thinning out and generally making their way away from the area. We patrolled the Broadway west of Beechcroft and searched various groups who we thought may be carrying missiles. Sometime after this we went for snacks as a unit. Later that night [REDACTED] returned from hospital and we met up with him at Southall Police Station. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we went in a carrier to Ealing Police Station
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where we were told a Divisional Surgeon was on stand-by. However, when we arrived there he had been called away elsewhere and we gave up waiting for him after an hour. All the officers stated that they would visit their own doctor should the need arise. Details of our injuries were recorded by a WPC at Ealing for the records. After dismissal from Southall at 2342 hours we made our way back to Barnes [REDACTED] and then [REDACTED] booked off duty. The first time I knew that anyone had been seriously injured or died at Southall was the next day when I arrived at work about 11am. The account I read in the early edition of the Daily Telegraph was full of praise of police action. I cannot say who told me a man had died but I am sure it was by word of mouth to start with and confirmed in the press later when I bought a midday Evening News. At that time I was under the impression that the man had received his injuries in the house in Park View Road and I remember thinking to myself 'Thank God I was never in that house'. The first indication that I got that we could have been involved was either from later editions of the Evening newspapers or when we were sent for to parade at Southall for interview. Although I was on duty from 11am I do not recall seeing [REDACTED] until later that day when I met up with them at Southall. I had to go to 'CO' to see DAC'D' [REDACTED] at 4.30pm. I was engaged with him until about 5pm. In the meantime my unit had paraded at Barnes at 5pm and been sent to Southall. When I arrived at Southall around 6.35pm my carriers were in the yard with some of the officers still in the vehicles. [REDACTED] handed me a late edition of one of the evening papers and asked me if I had read the newspapers. I don't recall who it was who spoke to me, but I told him that I was aware someone had died, but did not know too much about the details. About th

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time I was approached by [REDACTED] and he stated that from the account in the paper he thought he may have been the man on the footway. I told him that if asked he must give an accurate account of what he saw. Naturally the discussion amongst my officers was about the investigation into the death of Blair PEACH and what sort of questions they were likely to be asked. When I was approached by any of them my advice was to be open and truthful and say exactly what happened. Obviously we have discussed the case since then from time to time and my advice has always been the same and that is to tell the truth. I have been asked if I have approached any person and spoken to him about this case or the enquiry and I can say that I have enquired of officers of my unit who have been interviewed, but my motives were purely in the interests of their welfare rather than regarding to information they may have imparted. I have been asked if any officer has approached me for advice or to give me information after he has been interviewed by CIB(2) officers on this enquiry. I have been on annual leave since Monday 7th May and the only officer I have spoken to about this since is [REDACTED] and that was really concerning his welfare. I had been into Barnes on Friday 11 May hoping to see [REDACTED] about some Social Club activities, but was told he was being interviewed at Scotland Yard. I believe it was [REDACTED] who told me this. I waited in our local public house The Bull's Head, in Barnes for about an hour but left when he did not turn up. He was due off duty at 6pm and I left there about 7pm. We contacted each other on the Saturday and I went up to Hampstead and met him about lunch time in the Coach and Horses Public House. I cannot remember now whether he phoned me or I phoned or what time it was. We discussed our social business and naturally the interview of the day before was discussed but only in general terms. This statement is an

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enlargement of a statement I made on the 24 April 1979. I would like to correct one point in that statement which is that I did not get out at Beechcroft Avenue at its junction with the Broadway, but at Beechcroft Avenue at its junction with Orchard Avenue. In that statement I have also said that I saw [REDACTED] at the first location and I now do not believe that to be correct. I cannot explain these discrepancies but having thought about all this at considerable depth I believe the account I have given today is the correct one. I have been asked if I have discussed these matters with [REDACTED] and I can say that I discussed it with him within a few days of the incident, but I certainly have not discussed it since. I have been asked if I have changed my account of where I got out of the carrier and the position in which I first saw [REDACTED] after talking to [REDACTED] and I can say that this is not so. I do not know what [REDACTED] account of the matter is. I have been asked if I can account for my four officers and where they were in the road when I jumped out of the carrier at Orchard Avenue. I can say it is my impression that all my officers were there, but there is a doubt about [REDACTED] and I have a less clear idea of his whereabouts than any of the others. Of the others there I have the impression that they were in front of me as we went down Orchard Avenue.

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number: Barnes Police Station
Special Patrol Group
No. 1 Unit

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

Dated the 5th day of June, 1979.

Signed [Redacted]

Signature witnessed by [Redacted]

Further to my statement of Thursday May, 1979 regarding the death of Blair PEACH. I was today (5th June, 1979) present in room 110 at about 6.45pm at Barnes Police Station when [Redacted] and [Redacted] searched my office, and took from my locked safe a crow bar which I have marked exhibit AM/1. I bought this crow bar about September, 1978 for use around the house, in particular I needed it to restore guttering at my home, I cannot remember exactly when I brought the crow bar to the office but it was undoubtedly to assist in a raid we were going to carry out on premises. I have searched the duty state and believe it was in connection with a series of raids we did on private premises on 'C' Districts ground on 6th February, 1979. In fact on that occasion we searched about six houses each of which was let off into numerous flats, and although I cannot

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remember whether I actually used my crow bar, it is possible that I did. It is also possible that I handed it to another Officer to use who might have been having difficulty opening a door. Having brought the crow bar into work for this specific reason I decided to retain it there in my locked safe, for use on any subsequent raid where it could be needed. I should mention that I kept it in my car for a couple of weeks meaning to put it in my safe and as far as I can remember I placed it in there towards the end of February where it has remained since. On 23rd March, 1979 I am quite positive that the crow bar was in my locked safe at Barnes Police Station. I most certainly did not have it with me whilst performing duty at Southall on that date. You will notice there are two streaks of black gloss paint on the crow bar with one or two specks and you will find that the paint came from paint I used to paint my fascia board under the new guttering. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 12/0

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

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

at: Southall Police Station

on: 24th April, 1979 commenced at 10.18 pm

Also present [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] attached to C.I.B.(2).

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

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

A. In Southall - yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 Unit Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. My Inspector [REDACTED]
I don't know the Sergeant
who was with me at any one time,
as I was in various carriers
throughout the day. [REDACTED]

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

A. I was in a carrier that
answered a call for urgent assistance
the words used were I think
'We are under attack, or something
like that".

Q. Was that to Beechcroft
Avenue ? (shown a map of
the area).

A. Yes I think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the
carrier on arrival?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have a protective shield?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. On leaving the carrier
I am not sure. But if
not I drew it soon
afterwards. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. I didn't strike anyone with it, but I did raise it in the direction of people and tell them to go home or words to that effect. At that time I was out of reach of people. [REDACTED]

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




A. "I cannot remember Specifically". [REDACTED]

Q. What was the atmosphere of the situation and the circumstances at that time you got out of the carrier.

A. On our arrival things were obviously hostile, because they're were sounds of missiles flying, and people shouting and running. There was crowds in front of our carrier, and a crowd of about 20 or thirty along the side of the road, and behind us. There was at least one carrier in front maybe even more. I got out with other officers, went back away from the junction towards the Broadway, and told the people to clear off. Some made short runs towards me (threatening gestures) and appeared to have missiles in their hands. I shouted at them and they eventually made off. I had been aware of another crowd behind me in the direction of Orchard Avenue.

'A' continued

I looked in that direction,
and the crowd had gone,
and I remember seeing
people running up the road
away from me. Along
Orchard Avenue. I ran after
them, turned left into ORCHARD
Avenue and told a few stragglers
to clear off out of it. I
remember as I turned the corner
I saw people falling over, running
in all directions. I saw a
man sitting on the pavement,
as I ran past him I
said to him, and other
stragglers words to the
effect "on your bike" or "go
home".



Q. Can you describe the man who was sitting on the footway?

A. No I can't. [REDACTED]

Q. How old do you think he was?

A. I don't know. I haven't got a clue? [REDACTED]

Q. Was he young, middle aged, or old.

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he leave when you told him to?

A. He begun to, I think. [REDACTED]

Q. How was he dressed.

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Was he wearing a duffle coat?

A. Not that I remember. I didn't take any notice. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see if he was wearing brown boots?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Was he clean shaven or did he have a beard.

A. I am not sure, but I can't remember him having a beard. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he appear to be injured or in distress?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Why do you think he was sitting there."

A. I have no idea. [REDACTED]

Q. "Did you see any other man apparently injured or incapable on the ground?"

A. No not as I can remember.

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

A. No. I just remember running up the road after them. [REDACTED]

Q. How were you dressed when you got out of the carrier.

A. Obviously uniform, and helmet. I can't remember if I had my mack on or not. [REDACTED]

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

A. Nothing. I've told you exactly what I did and saw as far as I can remember. The

day had been very busy and its impossible to remember clearly about any one incident.

Q. When you turned left into Orchard Avenue from Beechcroft Avenue and run up the road after your colleagues did you later return by the same route?

A. No I caught up with the carrier near the end of the road. There were other carriers there. I had words with members of the press and then got into a carrier, and I think we just drove out the other end.

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

A. No there is nothing I can add, other than at no time did I strike anyone. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you sure you were on your own when you told the man on the footway to go away?

A. No I am not sure at all there could have been one or more officers with me. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you sure you spoke to the man as you ran past him, or did you stop and speak to him?

A. I cannot remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Was the man sitting on the pavement holding his head?

A. No I don't think so. I didn't take much notice of him he was just one of a number of people I told to clear off. [REDACTED]

Q. Witnesses have alleged that at the time you and your colleagues were at the junction Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue a man was hit on the head by a police officer with a truncheon. He fell to the ground holding his head. Did you see that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you name the officers who were with you in Beechcroft Avenue, and Orchard Avenue in relation to your own position.

A. No I can't. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] there?

A. The only time I can remember specifically seeing [REDACTED] was at the other end of the Road talking to the press. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] there?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q- [REDACTED] arrested a man
in Beechcroft Avenue. Did you
see that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Were any of your sergeants
present at that location?

A. I haven't got a clue. [REDACTED]

The above answers recorded
contemporaneously by me.
Interview terminated at 11.21 pm
24.4.79

I have read the above fifteen pages of
questions and answers and they are a true record
of the interview.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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(Fair Hair)

Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED]
at XS
on 26th April 1979
commenced at 6.25 p.m.
finished at 6.43 p.m.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A Barnes 1 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. No, but we were told to make sure that we had them. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No. On various occasions I drew my truncheon and waved it at people but I cannot honestly remember hitting anybody with it.

[REDACTED]

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P771 Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979
A. No, I don't think I did [redacted]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

Q. Is this the truncheon you had with you on 23rd April 1979?
A. Yes [redacted]

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

Truncheon seized by [redacted]
Exhibit number133.....

Q. What was the call sign of carrier you were in.

A. I think I was originally posted on U11 but during the day I think I went each of the carriers at some time of the day. [redacted]

Q. What carriers were you on between 7.30p.m. and 8.15pm on 23/4/79

A. I haven't got a clue [redacted]

Q. Did you go to the incident in Beechcroft Ave and if so, how did you leave the carrier ..

A. Yes I can't remember which way I left it. [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number attached to 1 unit S.P.G.
Barnes 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 26th day of April, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was on duty with no.1 unit S.P.G. at Southall. During that tour of duty we went to numerous disturbances which at times led to an interchange of personnel on the three carriers of the unit. Sometime during the evening I remember a call on the radio from a 3 unit carrier and I think I remember the words "We're under attack" and I went on that call in the carrier which I was on at the time. I don't remember which one I was in. I can't remember how many carriers went in response of that call. I remember turning from the main road into a side road. Looking at a map of the area it would appear that the road we turned into was Beechcroft Avenue. I can't recall whether the emergency horns and lights were operating. I can't remember who was on the carrier. I have been asked by [REDACTED] whether I recall a missile hitting the carrier, I was aware of missiles falling but can't recall one specifically hitting the carrier

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)

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at that time although several could well have done. I can't remember how far down Beechcroft Avenue we went before stopping and I think we possibly stopped on the crown of the road. I have been asked by [REDACTED] how many doors there are on a carrier and I can say that there are, in addition to the driver's and front passenger door, a nearside door and two opening rear doors. I think I got out of the side door, but I'm not absolutely certain. When I got out I was aware of demonstrators to the rear of the carrier and I went towards them. I might have had my stick in my hand as I got out, if not I certainly would have drawn soon after. I was aware that some of the demonstrators were holding things in their hands and were making threatening gestures towards our direction with these and shouting. I ran towards them with my truncheon in my hand and told them to move on or words to that effect. I may have run at them more than once. Eventually they dispersed. I don't remember how far back up Beechcroft Avenue I went but certainly not as far as the main road. After this I looked round and saw that the carrier had moved and where there had been a commotion on the corner of Orchard Avenue, appeared to be quiet. I think I ran round the corner turning left into Orchard Avenue. I don't remember looking to the right. There were a few people about, there could have been some police officers and I saw a man sitting on the pavement on my left. I think he was sitting nearer to the wall than the pavement. He didn't strike me as being ill or injured. I don't recall whether I stopped or not but I certainly told him to move on. I can't describe him I didn't take much notice of him as he was no threat.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1532

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

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to anyone. I think I ran all the way along Orchard Avenue and joined other officers. There were carriers there and I can remember having an altercation with a member of the press, who I think took my number. I then got on one of the carriers but I can't remember which way we left Orchard Avenue. I don't remember where we went to from there. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1533

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number **1 Unit, Special Patrol Group
Barnes**

876 2352

This statement,* consisting of 26 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 17th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have a total of 8 years Police Service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group in [REDACTED]. Since the date of joining the SPG I have served with 1 Unit. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I paraded at Barnes for duty at Southall at either 1pm or 2pm I am not sure. As far as I can remember [REDACTED] paraded us. I cannot remember whether we were asked to produce truncheons on parade or not. I cannot remember if we were given any specific instructions on parade but I can recollect being told that we would go initially to Feltham for a meal. I think I was assigned to Carrier U11 for the day but I am not sure. I cannot remember any officer who was on the same carrier as myself that day. I think that we went to Feltham straight after the parade where we were provided with a meal. We did not stay at Feltham very long. I think we went to Southall after that. All three of the 1 Unit Carriers went at the same time. I cannot recall who was on my carrier at that time. I can remember that a some time after we arrived at Southall we stopped to speak to two SPG

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]
 officers who I think had either been to Court or who had been engaged
 at a police station somewhere else and had then made their way to
 Southall. I think these officers were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but
 I cannot be sure of the latter. I think they got aboard one of the
 carriers but I don't know which one. I can remember that they were
 absolutely soaking wet. The next thing I can remember is parking in
 Park View Road. I am almost sure all three 1 Unit carriers were parked
 at the same location at that time. There was a large crowd all around us
 I cannot say what time this would have been but it was earlier in the day
 I noticed in particular that a very large Victorian house that looked
 dilapidated was packed with Africans as opposed to Asians. These people
 were leaning out of the window shouting and jeering. They were extremely
 hostile and it appeared to me that the house was being used as some sort
 of Headquarters for the demonstrators. I remember seeing a sign by the
 door of that house that said either 'FIRST AID' or 'FIRST AID POST'. It
 also seemed to me that people were going to and fro from that house all o
 the time. The people in and about that house were made up of types. The
 seemed to be a lot of African or West Indian types and in particular a
 number of Rastafarians. There were also Asians and rather a lot of white
 as well. I remember seeing one white male, aged about 30 who was walking
 among the crowd outside the house who was wearing a badge that said
 'LAWYER'. I seemed to remember general conversation aboard the carrier
 that if there was going to be trouble it would probably start from that
 area. I think that a call or perhaps more than one call was sent over th
 radio to get a serial down to cover the house. We also noticed
 advertising hoardings that were potentially very dangerous. Someone
 aboard the carrier mentioned that at another demonstration at Leicester
 a nasty situation had arisen where demonstrators had used the shield of
 Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1535

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

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 similar advertising boards to throw bricks over at police. I think this was also relayed over the R.T. I think it was..... who sent that call but I cannot be sure. It may have been a Sergeant. It was a very hostile situation and as we were surrounded it seemed necessary that we remove ourselves from that location as the tension was building up all the time. As far as I can remember all three 1 Unit carriers moved away at the same time. We turned left into a main road and stopped in the middle of the road about 100 yards away. As far as can remember we parked right next to an area of grass that formed a central reservation in the road. There was a Park to our right. There was a large crowd of demonstrators behind us and on both sides of us. At various times either myself or other officers got out of our carriers to move people on. At one stage I remember a very loud shout and was aware of jeering and movement from the crowd round the carrier. Stones were then thrown at our carrier. I got out of the carrier with other officers. I drew a shield as did other officers. I think my partner..... formed up with me. I remember one of the officers pulling me to one side and telling me to mind out as it seems I was narrowly missed by a missile thrown from the crowd. We formed up and went towards the crowd who still threw bricks at us. By this time it had turned into a full scale riot and from the number of officers that were employed it was obvious that Divisional serials were being used as well. At one stage I put my shield down and assisted..... to arrest an Asian named..... for possessing an offensive weapon. had arrested..... in a churchyard and I assisted him to take him back to one of the carriers. At another stage I went with my shield with other officers both SPG and Divisional up Park View Road to clear demonstrators who were running through gardens. I can remember that

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

there was either a van or a lorry parked in Park View Road and that a large number of missiles were bouncing off the roof of that vehicle. These missiles appeared to be thrown from the direction of the large house that I described earlier in my statement. I saw mounted officers on horses charge up the road dispersing the demonstrators and we were very glad to see them. We went to the end of the cul-de-sac and cleared demonstrators from the gardens. I saw one householder with a stick in his hand trying to clear people away and obviously trying to defend his property. I know that when we cleared the demonstrators a large number of the householders came out and clapped us. They said 'Thanks' and 'Well done'. I think I got back into a carrier shortly after this. I am not sure which carrier it was. I forgot to say that just before violence erupted at this location I saw a Rastafarian type male using a loud hailer and was going around shouting through the hailer I could not understand what he was saying but the gist of what he was saying appeared to be that he was going to be arrested and that he wanted witnesses. At no time during my involvement with this part of the demonstration did I draw my truncheon to the best of my recollection. At some time during my involvement with this part of the demonstration I was either punched or received a blow to my stomach. I don't know how this happened. I received other blows as well whilst helping [REDACTED] to arrest [REDACTED]. All the time I was doing this bricks and missiles were thrown at us. I remembered thinking at the time that the demonstrators did not seem to be worried about hitting our prisoner as well as us. Because a hail of missiles were thrown towards us. I also forgot to say that early on in the demonstration I saw red smoke above the crowd and somebody said 'There's a flare gone off'. I had not thought about this at the time but on thinking about it afterwards I

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1537

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

thought it could perhaps have been a signal for the trouble to begin among the crowd. I can also remember that having re-boarded my carrier after being involved in clearing the demonstrators I felt exhausted and sat there feeling absolutely shattered. Other officers got on to the carrier, but I cannot remember who they were. There were no prisoners aboard the carrier. I remember everyone sitting back very quiet and looking tired. I think perhaps like myself they were all a bit frightened of the experience but like me were trying not to show it. I just cannot remember what we did after that. I do recall that at one stage during the demonstration I was standing along with [REDACTED] and another officer of the SPG and we had shields. We were standing with a Divisional serial. This was after the initial violence that I spoke about earlier, when I drew my shield previously. I can remember seeing a senior officer with the Divisional serial. This was in the same road where there was a grass area as a central reservation. As far as I can recall there was no particular incident that I can recall at this time. I obviously got back on to a carrier at some stage but I don't know when I remember going for snacks in the police mobile canteen in one of the side streets. There was a long queue. I am not sure but I think I ate my food aboard the carrier. I cannot remember who else was on the carrier or which carrier it was. The next thing I can remember is heard the words 'We are being attacked' or 'We are under attack' come over the radio. I can't remember who sent the call or where the location of the call was from. I cannot honestly remember seeing any other carriers at this time, our carrier drove off. I cannot remember now whether we had the siren going or the lights on as they had been on and off all day I can remember that eventually we were driving east along the Broadway towards the junction with Beschoroff Avenue. I cannot remember which

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1538

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

side of the road we drove along when we drove down the Broadway and neither can I recall where I was sitting in the van. As we drove along the Broadway I seem to think I was aware of policemen at the junction of Beechcroft Avenue, that's as far as I can say. We turned right into Beechcroft Avenue. I don't remember stopping either at the junction

or after we turned into the junction. As far as I can remember our carrier stopped in the centre of the road some way before we reached the junction with Orchard Avenue. I cannot remember which door of the carrier that I got out of. I've got an idea it would have been a side one but I cannot remember to be honest. When I got out of the carrier I went across to the east side of the road that is not entirely correct. I do seem to remember going behind the carrier. I can remember having my truncheon in my right hand after I had left the carrier but whether I drew it on board the carrier or as I was leaving I cannot be sure. As far as I was concerned this was another riot situation because this was an urgent assistance shout and as we drove down Beechcroft I was aware of shouting and the sound of missiles landing. I drew my truncheon at my own discretion to be used in self defence. I was not aware of any carrier either being in front or behind us as we drove down Beechcroft. When I got out of our carrier I was aware of either one or more other carriers being parked in front of us. I am almost positive of this to the best of my memory. As far as I can remember when I got out of the carrier I saw a group of anywhere between 10 to 30 Asians spread out all the east side of Beechcroft Avenue. They were standing about and shouting. I was also aware as I got out of the carrier that something was going on at the south east corner of the junction of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue. By that I mean the left hand corner coming down Beechcroft Avenue from the direction of the Broadway. I think I

Signed [REDACTED] Nature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1958, r. 5a)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

remember seeing policeman involved in a scuffle on that far corner. The may not be strictly true in that the police on that corner may just have been moving them on. I then turned my attention to the demonstrators at the side of our carrier. I would like to say that when I saw the people in Beechcroft and the police on the corner it was more of a

simultaneous impression rather than chronological series of events. I can say that my impression was that there were more people on the east side of Beechcroft Avenue than on the west side and that some were spilling out behind the carrier on to the roadway. I cannot remember seeing any police officers in Beechcroft behind the carrier but there may have been. I have been asked by [REDACTED]

if I can recall seeing an elderly Indian man on the east footway of Beechcroft Avenue and I cannot recall seeing one. This has prompted my memory though and I do seem to remember seeing an old Indian on the west side of Beechcroft Avenue. He was wearing a pink or perhaps light saffron coloured turban. He may also have had a grey beard but I am not sure. As far as I can remember he was walking slowly towards the Broadway. I don't remember talking specifically to that person although I could have done. I have been asked by [REDACTED]

if that man appeared to have been injured and I can only say that I did not notice if he had. I indicated numerous times to the people in the road in Beechcroft to clear off. I probably waved my truncheon at them and told them to go away in very strong language. I still felt that these people were still a threat and as far as I was concerned a riot was still going on albeit the latter stages. These people moved away, not all at once as one or two stood their ground initially. However, after a few minutes they all moved off towards the Broadway.

I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can say how

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1540

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

far I was from the junction of Orchard Avenue when I got out of our carrier in Beechcroft Avenue. I am not too good at distances but it must have been between 25 and 50 yards. When I got out of the carrier in Beechcroft I must have walked about 10 or 15 yards back towards the Broadway when I was moving people on. I have also been asked if I can recall any other police officers being in Beechcroft Avenue when I moved the people on and I can only say there may have been but I cannot remember seeing any. I have also been asked if I can remember seeing any other officers get out of the carrier at the time I got out. This again I honestly can't remember. When I turned round towards Orchard Avenue I cannot remember seeing any carriers at all in Beechcroft or at the junction with Orchard Avenue. The road and the junction seemed to have cleared by then. There may have been one or two people making their way away but no more. I don't remember seeing any police officers at the junction at this time. I then ran to the left hand corner of the junction. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can estimate how long I was in Beechcroft Avenue from the time I got out of the carrier until I eventually ran to the corner at the junction with Orchard Avenue. This again is very difficult to determine but I think it must have been at least 3 to 5 minutes. As I ran round the corner I saw a white male person sitting on the pavement near the wall. He may have been leaning against the wall I am not sure. I cannot remember stopping but I possibly did. I definitely shouted at him to move off. I cannot remember what I said but it was probably something like 'Come on, and you mate, on your bikes'. I did not take much notice of him because he was no threat. I think he made a movement of some kind I thought to get up and I ran on. I have been asked if I could describe that man and I cannot. I can only seem to

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

recall that he was white. I later saw a photograph of the man named 'PEACH' in a newspaper and I cannot say whether this was the man I saw sitting on the pavement or not; it could have been. I saw from the photograph that PEACH was shown wearing a beard. I cannot remember the man I saw sitting on the pavement having a beard, but it was possible that he did. I just did not notice. I cannot remember what the man I saw was wearing and there was nothing about him that struck me other than he was sitting down. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can remember where the man's hands were when he was sitting on the pavement and I cannot remember. I have been asked if I can remember anything at all about that man that suggested he may have been injured and there was not. I probably only saw him for a second so but I never considered why it was he was sitting on the pavement. I think I ran on along the left hand side of the pavement or road along Orchard Avenue towards Herbert Road. There were still one or two stragglers about. I had not run very far along Orchard Avenue when I seem to remember telling a male person, I do not know if he was white or coloured, he was youngish and in his twenties rather than in his thirties, to clear off. I might well have had my truncheon in my hand when I spoke to this man but I can't be sure. I ran on and had not gone much further when I saw another male who was youngish and perhaps the same age. I think he was white although I cannot be certain: run into a wide path that seemed to lead into a car park on left hand side of Orchard Avenue, that is to say the north side. I cannot remember what he was wearing or what direction he had come from I just remember seeing him run into that area. I have the impression that he had come from the Herbert Road end of Orchard Avenue but I may be wrong about that. He ran alongside the houses on the right hand side of the wide

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1542

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

path and I shouted after him. I cannot remember what I said but it would obviously have been something to the effect, 'What are you doing up there'. He made some reply but I cannot remember what he said. As far as I can remember he made no visible effort to go away and I caught up with him and pushed him away from me. I cannot remember whereabouts I pushed him but I said words to the effect 'Now come on you've been told now go away'. He then ran off further down the pathway towards the car park or whatever it is that pathway leads to. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I still had my truncheon in my hand at the time I pushed this lad away and my answer is that I may have done I cannot be sure. I can say however, categorically, that I did not hit that young man with my truncheon. I have been asked if I can remember whether or not that person was crying and he could have been and equally he may not have been. I did not notice. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I am left or right handed and the answer to that is I am right handed. I would like at this stage to clarify what the situation was when I ran round the corner of Beechcroft in Orchard Avenue. I mentioned there being one or two stragglers but I did not mention that I was aware that there was a lot of activity at the end of Orchard Avenue near the junction with Herbert Road. I was under the impression that the riot was still continuing and that it was a running fight. I ran along Orchard Avenue and when I got to the junction with Herbert Road I saw some demonstrators being escorted by police from an alleyway at the south side of Orchard Avenue quite near the junction. I also saw a large puddle of water at the junction. I remember seeing about 5 or 6 members of the press with what appeared to be large cameras on their shoulders. These press men were at the junction

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]

with Herbert Road and Orchard Avenue and I remember seeing [REDACTED] there at that time. I think in fact he was having a conversation with them. I remember speaking to the press and saying something like 'If it wasn't for you lot half this lot wouldn't be here in the first place'. One of the press men took exception to this and caught hold of my lapel and pulled me towards him. He said, 'I am going to quote you on that'. I got the impression that he caught hold of my lapel to see my number. I went to say that at this time I had been engaged for a number of hours on the demonstration and what I said to them I believed then to be true and still believe to be true. These press men had been argumentative and what I said to them was in response to something one of them had said but I cannot remember now what was said. I then got into a carrier that was parked at that junction but I cannot remember which carrier it was. There may have been 2 or 3 carriers parked there I just can't remember. I cannot remember anyone else who was aboard that carrier. I cannot remember whether [REDACTED] got into the same carrier. He may well have done. I just can't remember. I don't remember any prisoners being in the carrier. I just didn't notice. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can remember when it was that I put my truncheon away but I cannot recall now. I don't know how long I sat in the carrier at the end of Orchard Avenue or what conversation if any, there had been on the carrier after I got aboard. I just can't remember where we went from there it's just a haze. I know at sometime [REDACTED] asked us if any officer had any injuries to report and I told him that I had received a blow to my stomach earlier in the vicinity of Park View Road. I have already spoken about receiving that blow to my stomach earlier in my statement. At the end of the day I went to Ealing Police Station with other SPG.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1544

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]
 officers in order to be examined by a doctor. Apparently there was no
 doctor available. I subsequently visited my own doctor 2 or 3 days later
 I had no bruises but I was aware of Force instructions regarding the need
 to be examined by a doctor in the event of a stomach or head injuries and
 this is why I saw him. I saw my National Health doctor who is Doctor
 [REDACTED] I told my doctor what had happened and he
 examined me and said I was OK. I have been asked by [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] if I hit anyone with my truncheon during my tour of duty
 at Southall and in particular when I was in either Beechcroft Avenue or
 Orchard Avenue. I certainly drew my truncheon on numerous occasions but
 I cannot remember coming into contact with anyone with my truncheon. I
 cannot remember what time I booked off duty after the demonstration. I
 can remember that I went home on my motorbike and I got soaking wet. I
 must have got home about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. I have been asked
 if I can recall when it was that I first heard someone had died during
 the demonstration. I think it was possibly in the canteen at Vine Street
 the following day but I can't be sure. I was interviewed regarding the
 demonstration with other officers either the day following the demonstrat
 or within a couple of days. I can't remember. I thought when I first
 heard that someone had died that it had something to do with the house
 that I described as being an apparent headquarters for the demonstrators.
 I don't know how I got that impression, it must have been from something
 someone said. I don't know when I learned that the man PEACH had been
 found in Beechcroft or Orchard Avenue or indeed realised that it was
 the location we had been in. When I did learn of the circumstances
 of the incident regarding PEACH and the fact that he was either
 sitting on the pavement by a wall or on a corner I remember
 the man I had seen sitting on the corner at

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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the junction of Orchard Avenue and Beechcroft. I turned the matter over in my mind. I still could not say that the man I saw was injured but I thought to myself that it could have been him that I had seen. I am still not sure that the man I saw was PEACH. I think I may have mentioned that I had seen a man sitting down near a wall, later to

[REDACTED] I would like to point out that from what I have had to say about my recollections of the demonstration it may appear that I cannot remember very much about who I was with or what happened in total. I would like to clarify this by saying that the whole day as far as I am concerned was a series of riots that ran almost continuously. Much of what we were subjected to was violent and at times quite frightening. I think that the actions I took all day were correct and that I would have been doing less than my duty if I had reacted any differently from the way that I did. As far as I am concerned one of the most disturbing aspects of the day was the hostility and abuse towards police by the Asians. I have served in the Merchant Navy as an officer aboard ships that were crewed mainly by Indians or Pakistanis and had until the demonstration always regarded them as law-abiding and non-violent. It was obvious to me that the Asians in the Southall area on that day had been led on by activists and thought this very sad. I would like to stress most strongly that I did not hit the man PEACH and I do not know of anyone else having done so.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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11.25 am 6 July 1979

Interview with [REDACTED] in Supt-
Office Epsom Police Station

[REDACTED] at [REDACTED] present.

Q. Since you were last seen we have obviously made further enquiries and there are certain points that I would like to try to clear with you. First do you recall just prior to the call for assistance from three unit where you were.

A. As I have said before all I can remember we were at the mobile canteen. I not sure of the road, I think it was in a school, a small playground time and time again I have been asked and time and time again I can't be sure and the more I try to remember the more unsure and confused I am getting, the only thing I can recall is I seem to remember that I got some sandwiches for [REDACTED] if that helps at all.

Q. Do you recall a time when all three carriers were parked just off the Broadway and some of your officers were probably talking to [REDACTED]

A. No sir.

Q. Where is the first place that you can recall

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being at prior to arriving at Beechcroft.

A. When the call came over, I'm not absolutely sure.
I'm not certain.

Q. Do you remember were all three carriers present.

A. I haven't got a clue sir.

Q. What can you remember on the way to the scene.

A. Nothing.

Q. Can you remember the other carrier.

A. No sir, I didn't look for them, I can't honestly
say I saw them perhaps it was dark at the
time.

Q. You previously said that you recall travelling
along the Broadway towards Beechcroft Ave which is
on the right, is that correct.

A. I've been shown maps of the area and can recall
being driven to the source of a urgent assistance call
but I don't recall the names of the streets because
I don't know the area at all.

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- Q. Do you recall who the driver was.
- A. No sir.
- Q. Was [REDACTED] in your carrier.
- A. Can't remember sir I been asked this repeatedly I can honestly not remember who was or what carrier
- Q. Having been shown the map I think that you agree as in fact everybody else does that you travelled along the Broadway and turned right into Beechcroft Avenue, is that correct.
- A. I can assume that is correct.
- Q. Would you please describe what you saw as you approached the junction of Beechcroft Avenue.
- A. I'm sorry sir I honestly can't remember.
- Q. Do you remember seeing police officers with shields.
- A. No I don't think I can remember police officers with shields, no I don't think I can as I remember it now.
- Q. Which side of the road were you driving along when you approached the junction.

A. I'm not sure.

Q. Did you turn right into Beechcroft Avenue.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall a loud noise from under the carrier at that time.

A. No.

Q. Do you remember going over the corner of the footway.

A. No.

Q. Do you remember stopping at the junction of the Broadway.

A. We may have done but I can't honestly remember.

Q. Did anyone get out at that point.

A. They could have done I can't remember whether we stopped or not.

Q. Where did you get out.

A. Again I've been asked this question repeatedly and again all I can say is to the best of my memory I got from a carrier which was in Beechcroft Road, a good way down the road.

Q. Who else got out then.

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A. I have no idea sir

Q. Did anyone else get out there

A. I assumed that other people got out all at once but I couldn't tell you who.

Q. Did they take shields.

A. Some may have, I can't remember.

Q. Did you take a shield

A. No sir.

Q. Why do you think that some may have taken a shield

A. If some shields were on the carrier I was sure they may have taken some.

Q. Why would they have taken them.

A. I assume that if anyone took a shield it was to protect themselves with.

Q. From what.

A. A violent confrontation to which we had been called.

Q. What did you see to make you think that there was a violent confrontation.

A. For a start we had been called to the urgent assistance of another unit as far as I, I'm almost sure

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that the words used in the call were 'were under attack which obviously suggest a violent incident

Q. What did you see

A. On our arrival I remember people standing along the side of Beechcroft Road, and realised they were hostile there were shouting, jeering, various people had missiles in their hands, as far as I can remember.

Q. Where was these.

A. On the left hand side of the road as we went down.

Q. Who were they shouting to.

A. I assume at us, at policemen I suppose.

Q. You had only just arrived and when you arrived these people were shouting is that correct.

A. As far as I can remember we arrived, I saw people on the left hand side, most of which were jeering.

Q. What happened when you arrived.

A. I got out of the carrier.

Q. Did you go through or past these people before you got out.

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A. Again all I can remember is noticing people to my left and thinking that they could pose a threat. When the carrier stopped and I have no idea exactly where it stopped I got from the carrier, I think from the side door, but I'm not sure, and went towards the rear of the vehicle to which I had come, I can't remember going through the crowd I went back towards the people I had seen and some who were by this time behind the vehicle not directly behind, they spilt on to the road, yes behind.

Q. Where had they come from.

A. I assume from the left hand side of the road, I did not see where they had come from.

Q. What else was behind you.

A. Behind the carrier.

Q. Yes.

A. I haven't got a clue sir, I can't remember.

Q. Was there another carrier.

A. I can't remember.

Q. If there had have been would you remember seeing it bearing in mind you recall seeing other things behind.

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A. Well my recollection is very vague. I cannot remember seeing another carrier behind and in answer to the hypothetical question regarding would I have seen a carrier if a carrier were there I can't say.

Q. Do you recall seeing a carrier in front.

A. My recollection was when first asked questions regarding this incident have now become tainted with subsequent suggestions and assumptions but my recollection to the best of my ^{memory} was that there were one or even more vehicles in front. I have since been told that there could have only been one, my recollections are confused.

Q. Forgetting what other people have said what then is your actual recollection.

A. On getting from the carrier I was aware of an incident to my right that's on the corner of Beechcroft of Orchard. I think I can remember seeing helmets police helmets and demonstrators and I thought that there was a vehicle close to them but as I have said as time goes on I'm getting more and more confused

Q. I would like you to purely rely on your initial thoughts, if possible, and continue if you can to describe the scene as you have just said.

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A. I have been asked to repeat my initial recollection and if possible expand on them. I think that after a total of over 20 hours of interviews I honestly can not expand any more. I am not being evasive or unhelpful and I will try again to tell you what happened as far as I can recall it. I told the people behind the vehicle from which I had come to disperse and after some time they eventually did, when I was satisfied that they were no longer an immediate threat I turned in order to join my colleagues that I assumed were towards Orchard Avenue, as far as I can remember the rest of Beechercroft Ave at the corner where I had been aware of the incident, was clear and I was aware of people going up Orchard Avenue to the left. I think I ran. In fact I ran round the corner. I think more than anything to make sure I wasn't left on my own in still, as I thought, a potentially dangerous situation and going round the corner I saw a man sitting on the pavement I can't remember if I actually stopped, I possibly did, I possibly slowed down or stopped as I ran past him, and I said words to the effect of "and you go". I'm not sure but I think the words I used were "on your bike" I then ran on.

Q. When you got to the end of Orchard Avenue by Herbert Road what was there.

A. I was aware of vehicles, police vehicles there and people including civilians and police officers

Q. Did you get on a carrier.

A. Eventually yes.

Q. Do you know which one.

A. No sir.

Q. Were there any prisoners on it.

A. I've been asked this before and I can't remember, possibly there was I can't remember.

Q. Do you remember if [REDACTED] was the driver.

A. No sir I can't remember.

Q. Lets go back to when you first got out of the van you said that you seemed to recall a carrier at the corner.

A. Yes, that was my recollection but now I am not certain.

Q. What is your recollection of how the vehicle was parked.

A. I haven't got a clue, sir, the observation which I made and which I based my awareness of the vehicle and incident were not detailed, were not lengthy it was more a case of a glance from the corner of my eye I got from the vehicle that's how I remember it.

Q. You said you saw what you describe as an incident in the corner can you explain.

A. It seemed to be like a jostling crowd but I can't say that I took any notice at all I was concerned with the people behind.

Q. How many people.

A. I have no idea.

Q. Roughly.

A. No idea sir, it wouldn't be safe to guess, I have no idea sir.

Q. How many police officers were involved.

A. Again I have no idea, all I can remember, strangely enough is seeing helmets and since being repeatedly asked I don't know how safe it is to rely on my recollection more because I've started to build up pictures of which are more my imagination than anything else.

Q. What were the officers doing.

A. No idea.

Q. You said that they were jostling.

A. No I didn't my recollections were seeing a van at the corner and a crowd including helmets together. I've assumed they were in contact and the motion

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was that of a jostling crowd.

Q. The point where you saw this going on where I would assume be close to the position where you saw the man sitting on the ground.

A. The incident which we are talking about I remember was as far as I know at the corner of Beechcroft Avenue and Orchard Avenue although it might have been in Beechcroft Avenue rather than right at the junction. The man I saw sitting on the pavement was in Orchard Avenue around the corner.

Q. Just round the corner.

A. I can't remember sir, I wouldn't have said far.

Q. Toward the rear of the van to the side of the van did you see a prisoner being arrested against the house wall.

A. No sir.

Q. Did you see a white women interfering with police

A. No sir.

Q. Or did you see a white woman near them crying

A. No sir.

Q. Did you see an old asian man near there injured.

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A. No sir. I have already told your colleagues that I do remember an elderly asian man in a part of the street where I was. This man was wearing I think a pink or orange coloured turban and didn't appear to be injured at all.

Q. When you got on the carrier at the junction with Herbert Road what happened then.

A. I honestly don't know.

Q. Where did you go.

A. I've been asked this repeatedly also and I honestly have not got a clue.

Q. Do you remember re grouping at a petrol station.

A. No sir. I don't remember that, could have done don't remember.

Q. When were you first aware of the seriousness of the incident.

A. I remember seeing a newspaper possibly the following day or the day after I think it was in Vine Street canteen and there was a picture of a man in the front, and it said that he had died during the riot.

Q. Did you realise that that was the man that you saw sitting on the ground.

A. No sir, and even now I'm only assuming that the man I saw sitting on the ground was the man who died.

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Q. What did the man on the ground say to you.

A. I can't remember him saying anything I didn't really wait for a reply. I can't even remember if I physically stopped when I spoke to him I think it was more of a case that perhaps momentarily slowing as I went past him.

Q. Do you recall seeing [REDACTED] at Herbert Road when you got back on the carrier.

A. In fact that is the first time I can clearly remember seeing [REDACTED] in particular it was at that junction.

Q. Where was he.

A. In the roadway.

Q. Did you see him with [REDACTED]

A. I don't remember seeing him with [REDACTED]

Q. Can you describe the attitude of [REDACTED]

A. I didn't really take much notice, he was talking to the press as I previously told you.

I have read over each of the 14 pages [REDACTED] of questions and answers and have signed the bottom of each page.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

No. 1 Unit SPG (TM)

by: Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED]

at: Southall Police Station

on: Tuesday 24th April, 1979.

Present :- Det. Sgt. [REDACTED]

Commenced :- 11.05 PM

Terminated:- 11.30 PM

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

A Yes

[REDACTED]

PC [REDACTED]

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

A. That's right. I was. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. Sergeant on the carrier was Sergeant [REDACTED]
and the Inspector in charge of the unit was
Inspector [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. In the carrier yes. But I didn't have one myself. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your trenchcoat drawn?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. All I can say is that there was one carrier in front of me and it was an urgent assistance shout. We came along the Broadway East towards Beechcroft Avenue and just inside Beechcroft there was a line of blokes with shields facing into Beechcroft. There were bricks and other stuff coming towards them. Just before we stopped the line advanced. We stopped facing into Beechcroft right at the junction with the Broadway. We all got out. I think I was second or third out. I think the two in front of us took shields but I didn't. I looked up the road and saw the line still moving up at a brisk walking pace. Stuff was still coming over at them and nearly reaching us.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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




A. Not put.

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

A. I did. I went down towards Orchard Avenue.
I got about half way up Beechcroft and
the demonstrators all started running really
fast, and a P.C. shouted, I dont know who,
that a bloke in a yellow
jumper had got one of our blokes, I dont
know the exact words, and several P.C.'s broke
away to chase him. I followed them but
I didn't see anyone in a yellow jumper. I
ran into Orchard Avenue towards the dead end.
Seven or eight demonstrators went over a wall.
I went over and grabbed the first I could lay
my hands on. He was a white bloke dressed
in black with long straggly hair. The others

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ran on over the walls of the gardens.
Then P.C.'s from other units chased them.
I came out with this bloke through a gate
back into Orchard Avenue. There were blokes
from other units there and I asked if my
bloke had been chucking bricks. They said
that they hadn't seen him do anything so
I sent him on his way. He was in his
early twenties wearing a black crew necked
jumper, fair hair, long, straggly and greasy and
parted down the middle about 5' 4" tall.
He ran off back down Beechcroft. I then
walked back down Beechcroft towards the
Broadway.



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Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not put.

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

A. No not at all. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you rejoin your carrier.

A. I didn't rejoin my carrier. I couldn't find it. I got into one of the other carriers from my unit. [REDACTED]

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

A. I didn't see any arrests or anyone put into a carrier. All I saw was the rocks being thrown.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not really. I wasn't there long. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. 





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

A. All I know is that there were other P.C.'s
from other units. I don't know where anyone
from my carrier went. I think they went left
down Orchard Avenue from Beechcroft.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]

By D.C.I. [REDACTED] D.S. [REDACTED]

at IS

on 25.4.79

commenced at 6.25 P

finished at 6.30 P

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

A. IN 2 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

A. No but I drew it. At Park View Rd, / Uxbridge

Rd when it all first started

About 5 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. NO [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number ..335.....

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(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number SPG No 1 Unit

Barnes

876 2352 Ext 44

This statement,* consisting of 10 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 11th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have been in the Metropolitan Police Force since [REDACTED] and have been with Special Patrol Group since [REDACTED]. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was with my Unit engaged on employment at Southall a National From meeting. It was a 2pm start at Barnes and then to Southall arriving at about 3.30pm. On my carrier Uniform 12, were [REDACTED] driver, [REDACTED] in charge, [REDACTED] think, operator, [REDACTED] in the back, [REDACTED] my partner, in the back, [REDACTED] in the back, I think with [REDACTED]. I was also in the back. I can't remember any others. At Southall we ended up in Park View Road in the 3 carriers. There were a lot of anti-nazi league supporters all around, being addressed by several negro speakers over megaphones, winding up the crowd, trying to incite them. They were shouting abuse at police. We moved from that site into Uxbridge Road. There were demonstrators all around. There was a police cordon further towards the Town Hall, holding back the crowd. There was a very big crowd. There was a surge to break the cordon so we debussed

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 help the cordon. All of a sudden, bricks and bottles came over from all directions. I saw several PC's hit and go down on the ground. Some of the unit had shields as did officers in the cordon. A number of arrests were made by my unit. Outside one of the houses in Park View Road there was a large crowd of mostly West Indians, throwing rocks. There was a riot, they were attacking police officer I pulled [REDACTED] out of the crowd after he had been stabbed and passed him to other officers. The crowd were very violent. I had some sort of dust thrown in my eyes. I stayed there and with the assistance of mounted branch and other officers, we cleared Park View Road. My eyes hurt at this time so I went to St Johns Ambulance van by the police station for treatment. I returned after treatment. There were pockets of violence and there were still rocks and other missiles being thrown. The carriers were being battered. The violer gradually died down. We got back into two of the carriers Uniform 11 and 12, I believe. The other carrier had taken prisoners away. Later we went patrolling in the two carriers and answered a number of calls to pockets of violence. I remember a time when we were parked in the Broadway, the west side of the Town Hall, I think. A cordon held back demonstrators to the west side. A private coach used by police, but empty, came eastwards in Broadway. It came through the crowd and as it did so a number of missiles and a petrol bomb, I believe were thrown at it. At about, or soon after that time, as I recall we received an urgent assistance call from 3 Unit, SPG. I don't know where they were, but it was to the effect that they were being attacked. We answered the call, both carriers, I don't know which route we took, but uniform 11 was in front. It took about 2 minutes to get to the call, which I now know to be Beechcroft Avenue. We can

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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along Broadway from the west. Uniform 11 was still in front and my carrier was behind. In my carrier at this time were [REDACTED] me. I can't recall anyone else. In Uniform 11 were as far as I can recall [REDACTED] and others who I can't recall now. We were travelling fast, there was no traffic about. My carrier was close behind Uniform 11, a matter of yards. As we approached Beechcroft I could see a line of policemen with shields facing south into Beechcroft. They were just inside the mouth of Beechcroft in a straggly line. I don't know how many, but would say roughly 20. I could only see a few people south of the police but a lot of missiles were raining down on police from Beechcroft direction. The officers in the line appeared to see our carrier approaching. The cordon started to advance south into Beechcroft, quite quickly, as we turned in. The first carriers had turned in, in front of us a matter of seconds after the cordon had started its advance. My carrier stopped just inside the mouth of Beechcroft. The other carriers stopped just in front of us, a matter of a few feet. [REDACTED] got out with his shield and the rest of us followed. I was about third out. I didn't have a shield. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did. We all got out of the nearside door. The governor [REDACTED] was in the street by one of the carriers I can't remember which. I didn't see anyone else from his carrier in the street. [REDACTED] was just standing there. I don't recollect what he was doing. I didn't hear him say anything. He was on his own. I don't remember him having a stick or shield with him. I don't know if he was wearing his macintosh or just his uniform. I think he was wearing his helmet. We had not, to my hearing been told to draw sticks before debussing. I didn't draw mine. I don't remember seeing any a

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my carrier carrying truncheons. I was behind [redacted] and [redacted] was to my left. We started to move slowly down Beechcroft towards Orchard Avenue. Missiles were still being thrown, so I stayed behind the protection of [redacted] shield. [redacted] would have been to the east side of us. I didn't see him after that until we were back in the carriers. I could see the officers, some with shields some without, advancing at a brisk walking pace in front of us. These were the officers from the cordon. They were not running at this time. I could see a large crowd, I can't describe the nationalities, a short distance a matter of a few yards, south of the officers. I can't give any idea of the number. Missiles were still being thrown from the back of the crowd. [redacted] and I were starting to run with other officers, I don't know who. The crowd started to run and police officers started running after them. There were truncheons drawn by a number of officers, but I don't know who the officers were. I did not see anyone hit by police. I had been advancing with [redacted] towards the centre of the road. I started to sprint after several shield officers had shouted to the effect, 'catch that lot' indicating a number of people about six or more, running westwards in Orchard Avenue. I had started running at a sprint just before I got to Orchard Avenue. I left [redacted] behind, I am a fast sprinter and I overtook other police officers running the same way. By the time I was about 20 yards from the end of Orchard Avenue, I was in front of the other officers. I had overtaken several policemen. There were about six people in front of me, all running. They were youngish early 20's. My impression was that they were mostly white. We were all on the north pavement. They all ran into what I now know to be No 82 Orchard Avenue, the end house's gateway. They ran round the

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

side of the house towards the rear. I was the first police officer in, I remember clambering over a fence. I grabbed the last one of the running people in front. I held him by the back of his jumper and pulled him back. He didn't struggle, but appeared extremely frightened. I dragged him, he was walking out to the front of the end house. I walked a little way with him, past a few houses. I then saw other SPG officers not from my unit, and asked if my suspect was one of those throwing bricks. There were 4 or 5 officers. They all said 'No', they had not seen him throw bricks. I told him to 'Piss off' and he ran away towards Beechcroft. He was aged about early twenties, 5'5", white pale complexion long greasy fair hair. He was wearing black trousers and black or navy blue jumper. His breath smelt awful. He was pretty slim. I asked him when I first stopped him, if he had been throwing bricks. He said words to the effect 'No mate, not me'. I can't remember his accent. When I first stopped the man other officers had run past me round to the back of the house, chasing the others. I don't remember any man in a yellow jumper at any time. I vaguely remember after I had released the man one of the other SPG officers saying that a man in a yellow jumper had thrown a brick which had got [REDACTED] I don't remember any of the officers or people coming back out from behind the end house. I started to walk back, alone, up to Beechcroft towards Broadway on the West side. There were people standing around, but it was quiet. There were a lot of officers about. I did not notice any activity on the southeast corner of Beechcroft and Orchard junction. I don't remember seeing any SPG carriers in Beechcroft at that time. They were not where I had de-bussed and not at the south end of Beechcroft. I saw no-one from my unit on my way back. There was a carrier in Northcote [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Avenue parked against the west kerb. When I got up to it I noticed it wasn't one of my unit carriers. I looked in the side door and could see a PC who I now know as [REDACTED] sitting with his back to the driver's seat. His jaw looked mis-shapen. I left that carrier to look for my own. There was one of my units carriers in Broadway. I can't remember exactly where but I went up to it and got in. It was uniform 13. In the carrier was [REDACTED] and other officers - I don't remember who they were. I asked where my carrier was and one of the officers pointed out that it was parked a bit further up the street I re-joined my carrier. [REDACTED] was there. [REDACTED] was in the driving seat. [REDACTED] was also there with other officers I can't recall. I am all confused about this now. I really can't remember now what carriers were there or who was in them. I think I remember [REDACTED] and he is on Uniform 13. I don't know if [REDACTED] was in the carriers. I don't recall any prisoners. I saw a picture in the evening papers of the deceased man, Blair PEACH. I do not remember seeing anyone of his description being at Southall on the day of 23rd April. He was certainly not the man I stopped in Orchard Avenue. There has been a lot of conversation about that day amongst the unit, but I have heard no one say they know anything about the incident concerning PEACH. I had no idea where he had died or even that a man had died until the morning after when I heard on the news. [REDACTED] told the unit to say what we know about the event that day. I don't remember when or where he told us this, but it was later on in that week. I have tried to tell you the best I can about everything that day, but I am now very confused and some of what I have said may not be quite accurate. To the best of my ability it is the truth.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

P824

25th June 1979

9.35 am

I have been called up for an interview and I
have informed [REDACTED] that once I have been
cautioned I will not answer any more questions,
unless a solicitor is with me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D.G.I. [REDACTED] interviewing

D.G.I. [REDACTED] taking contemporaneous notes.

Interview commenced 11.15 am 25.6.79 in [REDACTED] office.

Officer:- [REDACTED]

Q. I wish to ask you some questions about the incident in Beacroft Avenue on 23rd April '79. Would you tell me where you were when you first received the call?

A. As far as I remember we were parked up in a main road. The Urbridge Road.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was in your carrier.

A. [REDACTED] my partner [REDACTED]

I don't remember if there was anyone else. [REDACTED]

Q. Was that Uniform U.12.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] on your
vehicle. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was the driver.

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. At that time where was U.1?

A. They were in front of us
parked up as far as I remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was on 11.

A. The governor [REDACTED] I know
that, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I don't know if anyone
else was on it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. Yes he was driving, driving all day. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember that, I don't know what carrier he was on. [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] ask you which carrier he was on.

A. No, you mean after it, no he didn't. [REDACTED]

Q. When you got the call did you follow U.11 to the scene.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember the route.

A. No, I just know that side streets were used. As we came up Beechcroft Avenue was on the right, we were behind U.11 [REDACTED]

Q. Were you very close behind U.11.

A. It was close. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Had you been down Beechcroft
earlier that day.

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


Q. Did you know Beechcroft Avenue
was a road off the Uxbridge
Road on the Broadway.

A. No. [REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. I believe you looked at a map after the time with these roads on.

A. Yes the day after at Southall nick. 

Q. From the map were you able to say that Beechcroft was the road you went in after the Broadway.


A. Yes I recognised it from the cul-de sac in Orchard Avenue. 




Q. Would you agree the street is about 90 yards long.

A. Yes. 

Q. The cul-de-sac is about 50 yards.

A. I would say shorter, about 30 yards. 



Q. When you turned into Beechcroft
were you immediately behind U.11.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Was Uniform 13 somewhere behind you.

A. No, I know now it wasn't there
and didn't see it behind us at
the time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see G.11 turn into Beechcroft.

A. Yes it went in in front of us. [REDACTED]

Q. Did they drive over either of the pavements.

A. I can't say I really can't. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Have you any recollection of a plastic traffic bollard being caught under either of the vehicles.

A. I remember a traffic cone under a carrier but I don't know at what time, it was U.11 because [REDACTED] was driving. [REDACTED]

Q. Would you tell me exactly what you remember by the cone.

A. I remember seeing it when I was out of our carrier it was under the axle on the bumper, I was in front of the vehicle when I heard it I looked back, I don't know if the carrier passed me. I would have said it was not in Beechcroft Avenue. I would have thought it later in the evening.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you hear the noise of a traffic cone under U.11 as you travelled in Beechcroft in U.12.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] get out and remove the cone.

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. The situation as we have it is U.11 followed by 12 driving fast into Beechcroft.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. I want you to be absolutely sure of what you are now saying because what you previously said about where the vehicles stopped to be inaccurate where did the first carrier stop.

A. I am sure it stopped because I saw the governor, yes it stopped just inside the junction with Beechcroft and The Broadway. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. How far down.

A. Well about 10 to 15 yards I suppose
our carrier right behind it, we
stopped there. [REDACTED]

Q. Had the cordon of police separated
to let you through.

A. They'd gone up towards Orchard
I saw them run as we came
round. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Were they in front of uniform 11 when
it stopped.

A. I would say yes. [REDACTED]

Q. How many yards behind U. 11 did
you stop.

A. A matter of feet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Were you directly behind it.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you sure your vehicle stopped behind it.

A. I think so yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible your vehicle
overtook U.11.

A. No. I don't think so, no. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recollect any missiles
hitting the vehicles as they turned
in.

A. I couldn't say I could
remember that no. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Why did U. 11 stop.

A. I don't know. To let the
blakes out I suppose. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was the crowd.

A. Going back I can't exactly
remember, about half way
towards Orhard, they were
not all running a few were
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Wouldn't it make more sense
if the vehicles had driven straight
to the bottom of the street to
cut them off, as in fact I say
I knew that that happened.

A. It would make more sense. [REDACTED]

Q. The evidence we have suggests that
U.11 did not stop till it got to
the junction with Orchard Ave.
do you still say you stopped just
behind it.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Would you then agree if this was
so then neither of the carriers
stopped to the end of the street.

A. No I disagree I remember
walking up Beechcroft so I
must have got out at the Broadway
end. [REDACTED]

Q. When you say you were walking
up Beechcroft.

A. I mean towards Orchard. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who got out first.

A. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Who got out next.

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. When did you get out.

A. I am sure it was behind [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Nearside door.

A. Yes the nearside passenger door,
not the front seat. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Who had the shields.

A. [REDACTED]

Q. When you got out was the vehicle stopped.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was the driver.

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you absolutely positive about that.

A. Sometime during that day [REDACTED] took over the driving, as far as I can remember it was after this. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see the change of
drivers happen.

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] get out.

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. What did you see when you got out. Where was the crowd.

A. They were about half way up towards Orchard in front of us. [REDACTED]

Q. Where were the 3 unit officers.

A. Marching towards the crowd between the vehicles and the crowd. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where was [REDACTED]

A. Between the two carriers where we stopped on the nearside door side. [REDACTED]

Q. Had he got out of U.11.

A. He must have done. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where was he in U. 11 what seat was he sitting in.

A. In the operators seat, I remember seeing him as we left on the call. [REDACTED]

Q. Was he standing on the pavement between the vehicles.

A. I would say no. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was there a white wall to the east side of the street where he was standing.

A. I can't remember. 

Q. Was there an alleyway.

A. I can't remember. 



Q. Was U 11 at an angle to the
kerb.

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Having told you that U.11 drove
straight to the bottom of the
street, your description of where
[REDACTED] was standing would
place him near the junction with
Orchard Ave.

A. If it is as you said yes it would
be. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. If [REDACTED] now states he was near the corner of Orchard Ave. would you accept that it could be true.

A. Not to my recollection. [REDACTED]

Q. But if what I say about the position of the vehicles is correct than [REDACTED] could be standing there.

A. Yes I suppose he would. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was anyone else standing near
or with him.

A. I can't remember seeing anyone. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was [REDACTED]

A. I don't remember seeing him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. No I really don't remember seeing him. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. When we got out of the carriers,
I remember walking behind [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] towards Orchard, but for a
short distance, I was behind his
shield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. Yes I walked up with him a little bit of the way towards Orchard. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. No I'm sorry. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Did she get out.

A. I don't remember seeing her
get out. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. The only time I remember seeing
him it was in Orchard at the
cul-de-sac end. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] have a truncheon
out.

A. I don't remember seeing it. [REDACTED]

Q. A shield.

A. I don't remember either. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you start to run.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Why.

Q. Someone shouted about 'get him'
about some demonstrators who had
thrown stones and everyone
started running, that's when I
sprinted up down the cul de sac.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. You mentioned in your statement of 11th May someone shouting 'catch that lot' or words to that effect, in your initial interview on 24th April you refer to a P.C. shouting that a bloke in a yellow jumper had got one of our blokes and that you had followed several P.C. chasing him. Is that so.

A. Looking back the time when the yellow jumper was mentioned was after the turning. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Are you now saying that you did not hear anyone shout 'catch the man in the yellow jumper' or words to that effect.

A. Yes that was wrong. [REDACTED]

Q. And did you run down to the end of the cul de sac and detain a man.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. As described in the statement.

A. All I can remember is his
dirty hair, his breath smelt
and he was dressed in black. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you drag him up Orchard
Avenue by his hair.

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. What did you do with him.

A. I got him in a garden or yard behind the sod house on the right. I pulled him out, there were other officers there 3 unit I think not 1 unit. I said to them 'is this one'. The blokes there said 'No.' So I told him to 'pee off'.
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you recognize these officers from 3 unit.

A. No I recognized from their radio and G.O.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. All the S.P.G. officers in the vicinity have been seen and none remember this happening.

A. Well it's true it did. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you put this prisoner on one of the carriers.

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you take his name and address.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Why not.

A. I really thought that it hadn't finished I had nothing on him I let him go to continue policing.
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any prisoners put
on the carriers.

A. No I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Where were the carriers when you
walked back up Orchard.

A. I couldn't see them [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. and you then walked up to
Broadway.

A. Yes I turned left. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any more of your
officers.

A. The last one I saw was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the cul de sac I
don't think he came back down
with me. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Which carrier did you get into
in the Broadway.

A. It wasn't 12. I seem to remember
[REDACTED] but I may be
confused there, it must have been 13.

[REDACTED]

Q. In your questionnaire you say you got into
one of your unit carriers but in your statement
you said it wasn't one of your unit carriers
which is the truth.

A. It's true I went up to a 3 unit vehicle
thinking it might have been mine
but didn't get in. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did they direct you to 13.

A. No, but I am confused about what carrier I got into but I knew it was not 12. When I got in I noticed my carrier up the street and joined it. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] in the driving seat.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] there.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Anyone else.

A. I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Prisoners.

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

Q. Were any prisoners transferred onto your vehicle.

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Has anyone asked you about this matter.

A. No not really, all whats happened is we've been told to tell the truth. [REDACTED]

Q. You mentioned in your statement carriers turning in front of U. 12 was that a mistake.

A. Yes I only remember 11. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you get to the end of
Beschroft before the 3 unit officers
when you first went down.

A. No there was a few in front of
me but I overtook them in
the cul de sac. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any of your unit
coming in the opposite direction
as you went down.

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] in your carrier when you got back eventually.

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

Q. When did you first learn that something serious had happened at the bottom of Beachcroft junction with Grehard.

A. I learnt it was there the next day at Southall by C.I.B. officers, but I heard someone had been killed at Southall at about 10 in the morning on the car radio. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Are you saying that you didn't know someone was seriously injured in Orchard Avenue before you went off duty on 23rd.

A. So I didn't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Was there no discussion at all on your carrier or with other officers on your unit.

A. Well the only thing said was that it was another violent situation nothing to differentiate between other incidents that day, we wanted to get home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone on your unit
speak about a man who could not
get up of a street corner.

A. No not to me nor did I hear
anyone talk about it. [REDACTED]

Q. Had you seen a white man on the
corner of Orchard and Beechcroft
on the east.

A. There were loads of white men there
I couldn't say. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. That's on the south east corner
of the junction.

A. Yes there were blokes all around
I didn't pay particular attention
it was just confusion. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see U. 11 or 12 parked
across that corner at any stage.

A. No I can't remember seeing them
by the time I got out from the
yard they weren't there or I
would have got back in. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. When did you first discuss
with your unit what had happened.

A. It might have been the day after
on parades. I think it must have
been a sergeant may be [REDACTED]
don't go blabbing about in canteens
because we are going to be questioned.
[REDACTED]

Q. Was there a general discussion as
to where your carrier stopped where
you debussed.

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. How do you account for the fact that your recollections of the vehicles stopping near the top of Broadway is found to be incorrect.

A. I can't explain it, I feel pretty uncomfortable about it but that's my recollection. [REDACTED]

Q. You see that was the initial recollection of others who have now changed their minds. Does it not seem unusual unless the matter was discussed that you should say the vehicles stopped at the Broadway end.

A. It was my recollection they were down the Broadway end and I don't recollect any discussion on where the carriers were. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] says he was not at
the top of the street but at
the Orchard Avenue end.

A. One of us is wrong I think he
was. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible that your recollection of
events is not accurate because of the
confusion that day.

A. Yes it is possible I am confused
but I don't feel I can change my
mind because that's what I recall.
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see an ambulance for
[REDACTED] when you were in the
Broadway.

A. I don't remember seeing the
ambulance only [REDACTED] in
the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Has [REDACTED] asked you about the
cone incident.

A. No I don't remember him asking.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Are you sure.

A. (Pause) Yes I do remember him coming up coming up to me and asking if I remembered seeing a cone under the carrier. I told I remembered but not when or where. [REDACTED]

Q. When was it that he asked you.

A. Before I came up to make my statement in May I think. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]