
Q. Did he suggest to you it was not that time it was sometime later at another incident later in the evening.

A. All I remember is him asking me was whether there was a cone whether he suggested it I don't know but I thought it was later.

Q. Was anyone else with you.

A. I think it was in the parade room there may have been we were all talking about.

Q. I want you to think carefully
when you saw this case.

A. It must have been there but I couldn't
say definitely it was the last
thing I was thinking about. [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] ask anyone else.

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. You've said you noticed the cone under the front axle, where exactly was it and what did it look like.

A. It was rubbing along, the base was rubbing on the floor making a scraping noise, I think it was a red and white cone. [REDACTED]

Q. Where were you standing at the time.

A. I must have been standing to the right front of the carrier, because I looked behind me to the left. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where was the carrier in relation to the end of the street.

A. It was the main road end going up the side street away from the main road. [REDACTED]

Q. What were you doing out of the carrier at that time.

A. All I remember it was one of the times I got out. I cannot recollect it at that time, it could well have been up Eschcroft but I cannot remember, it was before snacks and before it was dark. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone get out to remove the
cone.

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]


Q. Was your carrier there at the
time.

A. It must have been. [REDACTED]


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Who was driving your carrier.

A. I can't remember whether it was, it's so patchy I can't remember. 

Q. If you heard the cone the vehicle was moving.

A. Yes. 



Q. Could it have been turning left
in Orchard at the bottom beside
the cul de sac.

A. No it was the main road down
by the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Is the fact of the matter that P.C.
[REDACTED] asked you about this and
you struggle to remember at all
about it.

A. I don't think P.C. [REDACTED] singled me
out and as I vaguely remembered
it I told him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did he tell you it was after the Beechcroft incident.

A. I don't remember he could well have done. [REDACTED]

Break at 1.15 pm
Commenced at 1.16 pm

Q. Did you have a discussion about today's interview.

A. There was a discussion in the unit. I asked the Federation Rep what the score was and the sergeant said that if we wanted we could have a solicitor if we wanted. So it was decided that if we got cautioned we would answer no more questions if a caution was given until a solicitor was present. The sergeant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

_____ said to do a declaration
which was countersigned by him
and we should sign and present
it as I've said. _____

Q. Who was present this morning.

A. The new _____ he said
three of us were wanted up today.
I asked what we should do and
_____ made the suggestion
_____ everyone was
on duty today.

Q. You said in your statement you sprinted down Beechcroft Ave just before the junction with Orchard and turned right. If that is so you are suggesting in your statement that you got out the carrier before you got to the end of Beechcroft.

A. That's correct. [REDACTED]

Q. Unless of course you left the carrier at the junction with Orchard Avenue went up Beechcroft towards Broadway to stop demonstrators who were running down towards you whom you had previously passed or overtaken in your carrier.

A. No it did not happen like that. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. If your carrier did not stop before the junction with Orchard and Beechcroft or thereabouts and you did run down Beechcroft as you suggest, then you must have gone up Beechcroft to do so. [REDACTED]

A. Yes that's true but I don't remember it like that. [REDACTED]

Q. You also don't remember so I understand where other officers from your carrier with the exception of [REDACTED] If you did stop at the top near Broadway they would only go in one direction.

A. Yes towards the demonstrators. We did not walk in a line but they must have been there, although I can't place them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where did [REDACTED] go.

A. I recollect seeing him by the carrier then I walked away, he may have come up behind us. [REDACTED]

Q. Was it a united decision today to stick to your previous statement and questionnaires.

A. No If I had come here and remembered otherwise while we were talking I would have changed, my only explanation if I am wrong is I am confused. The last thing I want is to get into trouble.

[REDACTED]

Break 1.55pm - 2.15pm

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] re-join your carrier after the matter at Beechcroft Avenue.

A. I do not recall him on the carrier at any stage that day. [REDACTED]

The above questions and answers have been read by me and I have signed each answer I gave, to the best of my recollection the answers I have given are true.

[REDACTED]

The interview was conducted by
D.G.I. [REDACTED] and I recorded
the questions he asked and
[REDACTED] answers
contemporaneously.

Interview terminated at 2.18 pm after
which [REDACTED] checked and read
both the questions and his replies.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Interview with : [REDACTED]

Interviewed by: [REDACTED]

Officers present: [REDACTED]

Date. 24.8.79 Time. 2.40pm 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. See 1A & 1B

Q. You will remember that in your statement of 3rd. May, 1979, you referred to running down Beechcroft Avenue in pursuit of a man in a yellow dumper and two or three other Asian types?

A. I have nothing to say

Q. Were there any white people amongst these ?

A. I have nothing to say about it further.

Q. Were you first to arrive at the end of the cul de-sac [REDACTED] of 1 Unit says he was the first officer to arrive there.

A. I have nothing to say. I can't speak for [REDACTED]

A. I have no wish to answer any further questions relating to the matters which occurred at Southall on 23rd April on legal advice given to me by [REDACTED] of Victor Bissack. I was cautioned by [REDACTED] with connection with an identification parade which I agreed to stand on.

Q. I only wish to clarify a few matters with you now and you realise that I have not cautioned you, this is really in connection with the incident in the cul-de-sac in Orchard Avenue. Will you listen to the questions and make any comments if you so wish.

A. I have no wish to say anything further at the events at Southall.

Q. Nevertheless I'll read the questions if you listen.

A. I have spoken to [REDACTED] and I am under his instructions.

Q. Are you refusing to listen to questions.

A. No.

[REDACTED]

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Q. Then I'll read them to you.

Referred to Questionnaire



Q. [REDACTED] says he got off his carrier near the top of Beechcroft, it being the second carrier of his unit to arrive at the scene, ran down Beechcroft, along Orchard and was first to the end of the cul-de-sac. He there detained a white man. Did you see that?

A. I have nothing to say sir

Q. Is it possible he could have arrived at the end of the cul-de-sac before you?

A. Anything is possible sir

Q. Did you see any officers from 1 Unit at the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. I have no comments to make about that

[REDACTED]

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Q. Is it still your recollection that you were followed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in that order?

A. I have made a statement given a frank answer to that.

Q. Also [REDACTED] followed and [REDACTED] from U.19 ?

A. I have nothing to say to that Sir.

Q. Exactly where is it that you say you were confronted by an Asian type at the rear of No. 82 Orchard Avenue, the end house in the cul-de sac?

A. I have nothing to say about those events sir.

[REDACTED]

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Q. Exactly where on his body did you truncheon make contact with him?


A. I've nothing to say Sir.

Q. Is it at all possible that the truncheon hit him on the head?

A. I've nothing to say about that Sir.

Q. Is it possible that the person you struck was in fact a young girl who was dressed to look much like a youth?

A. I've nothing to say about that Sir.


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Q. We know that a girl, named [REDACTED] who was wearing dark clothing, was struck with a truncheon at the rear of No. 82, Orchard Avenue. Could that have possibly been you? She received a blow on her head.

A. I have nothing to say about that.

Q. You say you ran on after being confronted by the Asian and ran into a clothes line in the back yard. You then gave up chasing the man in the yellow jumper. When you returned did you see the Asian you had brushed aside previously?

A. I have nothing to say about that Sir.

Q. Did you notice an injured person in the vicinity of the rear yard?

A. I have no comment to make about that Sir.

Q. We know from [REDACTED] and other witnesses that she was there and injured on the head by a truncheon blow at around the time you were there. Did you see and speak to her?.

A. I have nothing to say about that Sir.

Q. Can you explain how it is that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] saw a white girl in the alleyway holding her head and you did not? He had just previously seen you return from that location.

A. I have nothing to say about that Sir.

Q. We know a white man was detained at the rear garden of 8a. Could you have been mistaken when you said you saw 2 P.C.'s with an Asian?

A. I have nothing to say about those events.

Q. Who were the P.C.'s you saw ?

A. I have nothing to say about those events other
that what I said in the past.

Q. You say you saw an Asian at the side of the house. Could this have been a white girl, dressed in dark clothing and wearing jeans?

A. I have nothing to say about those events sir.

Q. What was this person you saw doing?

A. I have no comment to make.

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Q. Did that person appear to be in a distressed state?

A. I have nothing to say about that sir.

Q. Did you then join [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the front gate?

A. Nothing to say about that sir.

Q: Had they been to the rear of No. 82 ?

A. I have nothing to say about that sir.

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Q. Did you then walk with [REDACTED] followed by [REDACTED] back along Orchard Avenue?

A. I have nothing to say sir.

Q. Did you have a prisoner?

A. I have nothing to say sir.

Q. Did you see the other officers from the garden of NO. 82 with a prisoner?

A. I have nothing to say sir.

[REDACTED]

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- Q. Did you re-join Carrier U.19 at the Broadway?
- A. I have nothing to say sir.
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Q. Had an Ambulance already been called for [REDACTED]

A. I have nothing to say sir. I remind you that I am under legal advice not to answer any questions.

Q. I have already said from the start do you wish to speak to your solicitor about this on the telephone and you can have him present if you wish as I understand it you don't.

A. A solicitor has instructed me not to make any further comment about these matters.

Q. Was a white man placed on to that carrier at around that time?

A. I have nothing to say about that sir.

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] describes his arrest at the rear of No. 82 and being taken to a carrier at Broadway, in which he says there was an injured P.C., clearly this was [REDACTED]. If what he says is true, you should surely recall his presence in the carrier?

A. I have no comment to make

Q. Did you say, or hear another officer on your carrier say words to the effect, 'What have you brought him back for?'

A. I have no comment to make sir.

Q. Or, 'What has he done?'

A. No reply.

[REDACTED]

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Q. Have you any knowledge of a white man being released from U.19 at around the time the Ambulance arrived at the scene for [REDACTED]

A. I have no comment to make about that sir.

Q. Or just before the carrier left the scene?

A. No reply.

Q. Is there anything else you wish to say which could assist the enquiry?

A. I think that I have been frank and open in my statements made to you in the past. In view of the legal advise give to me by [REDACTED] I have declined to answer any further questions but I do not wish this change of attitude to be regarded as anything other than following the legal advise.

[REDACTED]

Q. Will you initial each answer and sign
this questionnaire

A. [REDACTED] has told me not to sign any
statements relating to these matters.

[REDACTED]

Interview with: [REDACTED]

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

Date. 20.8.79 Time. 5.30 Place. C.G. C.I.B.(2)

Officers present: D.S. [REDACTED]

There are a number of questions I wish to ask you in connection with your duty at Southall on 23rd. April, 1979. In a statement made by you on 10th May, 1979, you referred to turning right at the bottom of Beachcroft Avenue in to the cul-de-sac of Orchard Avenue.

Q. Did you go as far as the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. I did. I went to the corner I believe.

Q. Did you actually go to the side or the back of the house.

A. I think I went through the gateway to the side of the house. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know the names of the two officers you saw come out from the rear of the end house?

A. No.

Q. Did you see anybody along the side or the rear of the end house.

A. No. That's the reason I came back. [REDACTED]

Q. How long have you been on the S.P.G.?

A. About 12 years.

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Q. Do you know the names or recognise all your colleagues on 3 Unit?

A. Yes. I knew all my colleagues on 3
unit at that time.

Q. Did you recognise the two officers referred to?

A. No. They were not from 3 unit SPG
One of them was very small almost
too short to be in the Police force.

Q. Were they from another unit of the SPG?

A. I don't remember

Q. Is it possible.

A. It is, but I don't remember
seeing radios. Although I know PC
I can't think of any
others I know on one unit.

Q. [REDACTED] an independent witness, says that the man detained was a white man; it is also know that a white man was detained and brought from behind no. 82 Orchard Avenue, the end house, by an officer from 1 Unit SPG. Can you describe the man you say you saw detained?

A. No. Not know. He certainly wasn't old. He was young or a youth.

Q. What was he wearing.

A. I can't remember.

Q. Was he wearing dark clothes

A. It is no good guessing I can't remember.

Q. Could it have been a white man.

A. It could have been. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any other person brought out by Police Officers from behind the end house

A. No.

Q. How long were you there.

A. A matter of seconds.

Q. Did you see any other police there.

A. No.

Q. [REDACTED]

A. I don't remember them. Shortly after this I saw [REDACTED] in a carrier with a prisoner. I arrived there after my crew. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you closely follow 2 Police Officers back along Orchard Avenue?

A. I don't think so I don't remember.

Q. Did you follow the 2 Police Officers with the prisoner.

A. I can't remember seeing them but they must have been somewhere in the vicinity. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you say 'good evening' to an Asian who was in the garden of one of the houses in Orchard Avenue?

A. I spoke to an Asian and said
"Good evening. It's not very pleasant
around here." Or something like that.
He was in the garden of a house
about half way up. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you touch your helmet to him as you spoke?

A. I may have done or I may have been
adjusting my helmet or glasses. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you prodding the prisoner with your truncheon as you walked along behind him up the street?

A. Certainly not. I didn't have a
truncheon. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see where the prisoner was taken?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you assist in any way?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Did you follow the officers detaining the man as they took him up Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I don't remember. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see him taken to a 3 unit van?

A. No sir.

Q. Did you return to a 3 unit van.

A. I believe I got on Uniform 19.

Q. The injured [REDACTED] was on that vehicle.

A. I think he had already gone to hospital when I returned to the vehicle.

Q. A [REDACTED] appears to have been the man detained. He describes being placed in a carrier in which there was an injured P.C. This was presumably [REDACTED] who was on U.19 awaiting an Ambulance. Did you assist to take the detained man there?

A. No Sir. I don't know [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain how [REDACTED] could have been taken to hospital before you arrived back.

A. I can't. As far as I know I came straight back. To the best of my memory [REDACTED] had gone. He could have been there but I think it unlikely.

Q. The Officers you describe as making the 'arrest' do not appear to have been 3 Unit officers, but probably 1 unit. Can you suggest any reason why the man should be taken by them to a 3 Unit vehicle, unless they were accompanied by an officer from that unit?

A. Because it was the first available unit with room for a prisoner. That's all I can think of sir.

Q. Was a one unit carrier there?

A. I don't remember. I wouldn't necessarily have noticed.

Q. Do you know [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] F 1 Unit?

A. No, Sir. Not by name. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you concerned with them, or with other officers in the detention of a white man from the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you any knowledge of a young white girl being injured at the rear of 82, Orchard Avenue?

A. No Sir.

Q. Did you enter the alleyway and strike anyone.

A. I did not have a truncheon. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. What other officers from your unit went to the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. All I know is I followed 3 unit officers down the road.

Q. Can you remember any particular one?

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was on Uniform 19 when you returned to it?

A. [REDACTED] and a prisoner. I can't now recall who else. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember a 'white' prisoner on 19.

A. I think there were two prisoners or more. all I remember is [REDACTED] who had a mustard jumper on.

Q. Did you say or hear any other officer on your carrier say - referring to a 'white' prisoner "What have you brought him back for?" or "What has he done?"

A. No.

Q. Do you recall a white man being put off the carrier.

A. No. I would have remembered that. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you carrying a shield at any time that evening at that location?

A. Earlier in the evening. Not at this stage. [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have a truncheon out at that location?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you hit anyone with your truncheon at that location that day?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. I.D. parades may be held later and you may be requested to attend.

Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Finished 6.10pm

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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P927 Interview with:

[REDACTED] attached to Harold Hill Police Station

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

Date. 23.8.79 Time. 3.50pm Place. CO GIB2

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

Q. When you ran down Beechcroft Avenue was P. C. [REDACTED] in front of you?

A. I think he was. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you still behind him when you reached the end house on the right (No. 62) of Orchard Avenue - the cul-de-sac?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Who were the officers in front of you when you went round the back of the end house?

A. [REDACTED] was immediately in front of me and [REDACTED] was in the garden. There were other officers there. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. How many demonstrators were you chasing at that time?

A. Two, one in particular. There was an asian chap with a yellow jumper.

Q. Did you realise whilst chasing them that one was a white man?

A. No.

Q. Is it correct that you were carrying a shield but no truncheon?

A. Thats correct.

Q. Did you have a truncheon with you

A. Yes I did.

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Q. Where was [REDACTED] at that time?

A. I have no idea. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see him chasing the Asian in the yellow jumper?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] of 1 Unit suggests that he was the first officer to reach the end of the Cul-de-sac during the chase after demonstrators at that time. Have you any comment?

A. None what soever I don't know [REDACTED]

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Q. Do you know [redacted] of I Unit?

A. No.

Q. [redacted] states that he detained a white man with fairish hair at the back of No. 82. According to [redacted] the man had been running with other demonstrators down Orchard Avenue and was behind the others. Would that be your recollection of the position of the white man during the chase?

A. I didn't recollect a white man being pursued but I did see a man being led out of the garden by two policemen I didn't know.

Q. Was it a white man .

A. I think it was my statement is accurate on that point.

Q. Your statement describes him as early 20's, 5'8" dark hair dark clothing.

A. Thats my recollection.

Q. You said in your statement of 4-5-79 that you stopped to speak to a white man in the front doorway of No. 82. Where did that white man come from?

A. Yes thats right I assumed he came out from the house.

[redacted] [redacted]

Q. Can you describe that man?

A. I think he was white as well I can't remember his description.

Q. Did you tell him to go back indoors.

A. Yes I did

Q. We know that no white person lives in that house. Could the person you spoke to have been an Asian?

A. No I believe it was a white man.


Q. He did not go into the house so far as we know. Did you see him again?

A. No.

Q. Is it your belief that you were the third officer behind the house at No. 82 ?

A. No. 


Q. How many officers do you remember being behind the house.


A. I can't remember the exact number but about 4 or 5. 

Q. When had the two P.C.'s arrived who you saw holding the white man you described in your statement ?

A. I don't know. 

Q. Were they there before you arrived ?

A. They were there before I arrived. 

Q. Had they overtaken you when you stopped to talk to the white man in the doorway of No. 82 ?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Was it your impression that they had arrived before officers from your unit.

A. They were certainly there before I arrived but I didn't see them run in there.

Q. Did you recognise the officers as S.P.G. Officers?

A. No.


Q. Did they have truncheons drawn and shields ?

A. I can't remember. No shields.


[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. You said in your statement that the man had black hair - could he have been mistaken for an Asian?

A. I took him as a white man. 


Q. How had the officers got hold of him?

A. They were holding him one each side one holding each arm. 

Q. Did you go over to the 2 PCs with their prisoner

A. No. 

Q. Did you see him dragged along by his hair?

A. No. 




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Q. Prodded with a truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Slapped about the face?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Pulled by his jumper or jacket?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Could you describe him and his clothing?

A. I have already done that I think he had dark clothing. [REDACTED]

Q. What was [REDACTED] doing in the back yard?

A. I only noticed him once when I first came in I don't know what he was doing. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was he standing.

A. I can't say now its to long ago. [REDACTED]

Q. What was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] doing in the back yard?

A. I don't remember [REDACTED] the back yard.

[REDACTED] as up against the fence bordering onto the houses. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he have his truncheon out.

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. The white girl you described as being in the back garden - what was she doing?

A. When I noticed her she was just standing there crying. [REDACTED]

Q. Was she injured.

A. I didn't think so at the time. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was she standing.

A. She was on the left hand side around the side of the house. [REDACTED]

Q. What did [REDACTED] say to her?

A. I have no idea. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know why [REDACTED] went up and spoke to her.

A. No I presume because she was crying. [REDACTED]

Q. We now know that the white girl, [REDACTED] was hit over the head with a truncheon. Did you see who did that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Do you now know who did that?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible she had been mistaken for an Asian youth?

A. My recollection is that she had fair hair so I don't know how she could be mistaken for an Asian youth. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know what she was wearing.

A. Dark jacket or anorak. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know how she came to be in the back yard of No. 82?

A. No idea. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where did she go?

A. No idea I left while she was there. [REDACTED]

Q. What did you say to [REDACTED] in the back yard?

A. We were swearing about losing the Asian who we had lost. [REDACTED]

Q. When you walked back up Beechcroft with [REDACTED] were the two officers with their white prisoner in front of you?

A. No I don't think I saw them again. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] behind you?

A. I don't know I don't remember him from start
to finish. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was [REDACTED]

A. I don't know. I left with [REDACTED] I assumed
that he just followed us. [REDACTED]

Q. Could he have been walking behind the two P.C.'s with the prisoner?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you follow the two P.C.'s back up Beechcroft Avenue?

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you go straight back to U-19 carrier on which [REDACTED] was waiting for an ambulance?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Were the two P.C.'s and their white prisoner on that carrier?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. A white man, [REDACTED] says he was detained on that carrier where there was an injured P.C. Was there any white man on board?

A. No. [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 the white man.

A. No. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Was a white man released from the carrier before the ambulance arrived for [REDACTED]

A. There was no white man on that carrier apart
from the PC's [REDACTED]

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

A. Nothing I can. [REDACTED]

4.15 pm.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview with: [REDACTED]
Interviewed by: DCI. [REDACTED]
Officers present: DS [REDACTED]
Date: 23-8-79. Time: 11.05 am. Place:

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

In your statement of 3rd May, 1979, you stated that after the police carrier had driven through the crowd in Beechcroft Avenue, you began running down the right hand pavement, behind three of your colleagues. What was your reason for running?

No. [REDACTED]

Were you running because your colleagues were running?

I don't know, I cannot remember. [REDACTED]

Who were the officers in front of you and in what order were they running down the street?

I don't know the order, [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

Was [REDACTED] with them?

I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Were there officers from another unit involved in the chase down Beechcroft? (on right f'way).

I can't remember. [REDACTED]

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Q. Down Orchard Avenue towards the dead end?

A. I can't remember, I can only remember the three in front of me. [REDACTED]

Q. Were any of those officers carrying shields or truncheons?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] of your unit, was carrying a shield. Are you mistaken in your recollection that none of your colleagues running with you had shields?

A. If I said in my statement that none of my colleagues had shields that's my recollection at the time of making the statement. [REDACTED]

Q. Is there any reason that you should be obstructive to this enquiry. [REDACTED] Repeated. [REDACTED]

A. No Sir, I am trying to help you as much as I can. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. I believe you had your truncheon drawn, did you also carry a shield?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. You referred in your statement to there being 3/4 coloured males being chased - could one or more of these have been white persons?

A. I don't know Sir, my recollection was that they were coloured. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you aware why you were chasing these people?

A. I think after the incident that one of these were responsible for injuring [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Do I now take it from your present recollection that you had no reason that you were aware of for chasing these demonstrators?

A. At the time that was correct however there were 3 officers and 4 people and I went to assist them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Had you seen any of these demonstrators doing anything wrong?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. How far behind the other officers were you running ?

A. Don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see where [REDACTED] was at this time?

A. I recollect that [REDACTED] was somewhere but I can't remember exactly where. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. When did you first see the man in the yellow jumper?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. You describe him as scaling a white fence at the end of the cul-de-sac, and that the other demonstrators and police officers had disappeared. Would you say exactly what you mean by that?

A. Exactly what I said, I can't say anymore than that. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you suggesting that you were that far behind when you turned into Orchard Avenue that you didn't see where the others went?

A. No I am just saying that I can't remember where they went they just disappeared. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain considering the man in the yellow jumper was in front of every one else how you saw him climb the fence but didn't see the others?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see who the first officer round the back of the house at the end of the cul-de-sac was?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Were there other officer near you at that time?

A. Not to my knowledge, no Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see anyone go round the back of the house in the cul-de-sac?

A. I don't remember seeing anyone go round to the back of any house but when I got to the end [REDACTED] joined me out of a front garden. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you go round the back of No. 82, the end house?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Exactly where did you stop?

A. At the end of the cul-de-sac or thereabouts. [REDACTED]

Q. We know that [REDACTED] pursued the man in the yellow jumper would you agree since you did not see any pursuing officer that the man you saw climbing the fence was not the man in the yellow jumper?

A. It was to the best of my recollection. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] pursued the man in the yellow jumper round the side of the end house and later arrested him how do you explain you saw the man in the yellow jumper climb over the fence unless you went round the side of 82.

A. What fence are you talking about I am talking about the fence at the end of the cul-de-sac facing you, he went over the top of that. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you not see any officer chasing him at that time?

A. Obviously there were 3 officers in front of me but where they went I do not know. [REDACTED]

Q. As I understand it [REDACTED] and the other officers in front of you went through the gateway of the end house on the right No. 82 and round to the back did you follow?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] said that he remembers you being in the back garden with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Is that true?
A. No that's not true. [REDACTED]

Q. Is there any reason why you should say you were not there in the rear garden if that is where you were? Repeated. [REDACTED]

A. I was not in the back garden. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see an injured girl in that location?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. We know that a girl, [REDACTED] was hit over the head with a truncheon at the rear of No.82. Did you do or see that happen?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know anything about that incident?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. We now know that two P.C.'s left the rear of No. 82 with a prisoner - a white man - at that time. Did you see that?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. If you were where you say you were and a white man was singled out from the rear of 82 can you explain how you didn't see it?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a white man at the front door of No. 82, Orchard Avenue?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] talking to anyone in that location?

A. Not to my recollection. [REDACTED]

Q. Who did you return with from that location?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Any other officers? [REDACTED]

A. Not that I can remember. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon on any person at that location?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where were the other officers who had run down the cul-de-sac?

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

Q. Did [REDACTED] mention to you that he had used his truncheon at the rear of the end house in the cul-de-sac?

A. No sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did he tell you what had happened in the rear garden?

A. I think he said he ran into a washing line. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you then walk with [REDACTED] up Beechcroft Avenue and return to U.19 carrier?

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with you?

A. Not that I remember, No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see two P.C.'s with a white prisoner?

A. Where Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Anywhere. [REDACTED]

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you say or hear any other officer say words to the effect, "What have you brought him back for?" referring to a white prisoner on the carrier.

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Or, "What has he done?"

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. A [redacted] describes his arrest at the rear of No. 82, Orchard Avenue and his being taken to Broadway and there placed on the carrier in which [redacted] was waiting for an ambulance. Did you see him on the carrier?

A. No Sir. [redacted]

Q. Do you remember a white man being released from the carrier before [redacted] was taken away by an ambulance?

A. No Sir. [redacted]

Q. Is there anything else you wish to say which might assist the enquiry?

A. No Sir. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Interview with : [REDACTED]

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

Date, 24.8.79. Time 4.05pm Place. C.I.B (2)

Officers present: [REDACTED]

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

2. You described in your statement dated 3-5-79 a white man who you noticed wandering around in Broadway paying a great deal of attention to the carriers. Did you later recognise this man as the man, Blair Peach, who died at the demonstration?
1. No I didn't. [REDACTED]

1. Have you seen Blair Peach's photograph since then.
- .. Yes I have but I don't think it was the same man. [REDACTED]

- Did you mention this sighting/to any other officers ?
in Broadway [REDACTED]
- I think so but I don't remember whn. [REDACTED]

Was he with any other white persons at the time you had him under observation?

No he was on his own. He kept looking and going away. [REDACTED]

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Q. Where was this man when you last saw him?

A. Goodness knows I haven't a clue. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you notice his clothing and if he wore a badge. [REDACTED]

A. He wore a yellow anti nazi league badge and I seem to recall he had Brown clothing. [REDACTED]

Q. As you were chasing [REDACTED] down Beecharoff, did you see an S.P.G. carrier stop at the junction with Orchard Avenue?

A. I noticed one carrier only with a parking cone wedged underneath which was making a lot of noise this came past me and stopped on the South East junction of Orchard Avenue. [REDACTED]

. Did you see the man you described in Broadway anywhere in that location at that time?

. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. When you saw [REDACTED] did he appear exhausted?

A. He was nackeded so was I. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was he at this time?

A. Standing by a brick wall in the back hard of the end house in the cul-de-sac. He was completely exhausted. [REDACTED]

Q. When you were chasing [REDACTED] where were you in relation to other officers?

A. I remember being behind [REDACTED] as we approached the end of the cul-de-sac. [REDACTED] jumped over the white fence, and ran right to the back garden of the house. [REDACTED] went through the gateway round the side of the house and I followed, still intent to catch [REDACTED] I didn't scale the fence because I thought it quicker to go through the gate. I was aware of other officers behind but at that time didn't know who. I also noticed 2 PCs I didn't know not of my unit who I thought were coming out [REDACTED]

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Q. Do you remember any officers carrying shields?

A. When I got there no. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you carrying a shield or truncheon?

A. I was carrying a truncheon. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there other persons running along with [REDACTED]

A. There were some yes. I can't remember if they were black or white. [REDACTED]

Q. How many.

A. I don't know it wasn't many, it was not several. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Were there any white persons running away from Police ?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

the other people in [REDACTED]

Q. Where were ~~the~~ relation to [REDACTED] and pursuing officers?

A. [REDACTED] scaled the fence and I believed another person also. I recollect a couple of others ran into the garden and round the back. I ran past one in the alley in the side I think he was white. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any white women amongst the demonstrators running away?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Q. Would you describe the route taken by [REDACTED] down Beechcroft and Orchard Avenues?
- A. From the Broadway he ran down the east
kerb of Beachcroft almost to the junction. He
then turned west into the cul-de-sac into
Orchard Avenue on the north side either
on the pavement or in the road; over the fence
sharp right into the garden of the end house, over a
small brick wall through a gateway I believed
the back gate of the house next door into an alleyway
back into Beachcroft left in Beachcroft and back to
Broadway where he was stopped at my calling by 2 officers. [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you follow in this route in chasing him?
- A. I ran down the middle of the road getting out
of the way of the carrier who came down
behind me. Then I went round the side of the
house into the alleyway and back garden and
then followed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you pass a white man and white girl when chasing [REDACTED]
along the alleyway which leads to Beachcroft.
- A. There was no one in that alleyway at all. [REDACTED]
- b. Did you see any activity on the South east corner of Beechcroft?
- u. None whatsoever apart from the carrier. I remember
seeing an officer fall over he was carrying
a shield. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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Q. Was there any apparent reason why [REDACTED] should cross the road to the right hand side instead of turning left?

A. Probably blind panic. [REDACTED]

Q. Could it have been because of the arrival of a police carrier?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Had the carrier overtaken him.

A. I don't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any officers from the carrier in the area?

A. I never saw anybody. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Which officers were in front of you when you reached the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any officers in front of you when you entered the rear garden of No. 82?

A. Apart from [REDACTED] there was just the 2 strange
PCs who I recollect were in the front garden. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible that those two officers had come from that Carrier which stopped at the corner of Beachcroft Ave.

A. I would of thought not. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a white man in the front garden of No. 82 as you went through the gateway?

A. No, but I saw the curtains move in the front
window of the house. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see [REDACTED] stop to talk with a person in the front garden?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you run past [REDACTED] at any stage?

A. I think I overtook [REDACTED] before I got to the end house No 82. [REDACTED]

Q. During the chase down Orchard Avenue, did you lose sight of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

A. I didn't lose sight of [REDACTED] but as I have said I overtook [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did any other officer overtake you during the chase?

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

Q. When you saw [REDACTED] standing by a wall at the side of No. 82 what was he doing?

A. He was exhausted. [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] in sight?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any other officers in the rear garden when you arrived there?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any other demonstrators in the garden when you got there?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a young white girl there?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. I think you said what you describe as a white man in the alleyway at the side of the alleyway of the end house could that of been a white girl?

A. I think it was a young lad. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you hit or see anyone hit with a truncheon in the rear garden?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did any other officer join you in chasing [REDACTED] over the gardens at the rear of 82?

A. As far as I know I was on my own. [REDACTED]

Q. On which carrier did you place your prisoner [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember I think it was the first I came to facing north in Northcote Avenue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- Q. Was the injured [REDACTED] on board?
A. No he was not. [REDACTED]

- Q. Was a white male prisoner on board or put on board while you were there?
A. No. [REDACTED]

- Q. Did you say or hear any other officer say words to the effect, "What have you brought him back for?"
A. There was a lot of things said but I don't remember that. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a white prisoner released from the carrier?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. During the time of the chase and afterwards, did you see the movements of [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Is there anything else you can tell me that may assist this enquiry?

No. [REDACTED]

4.45 pm.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Interview with :- [REDACTED]

Interviewed by :- [REDACTED]

Date : 20.8.79 Time : 2.50pm Place : C.O. CI.B.(2)

Officers present :- [REDACTED]

There is a number of further questions I wish to ask you in relation to your duty
23rd April, 1979, at Southall.

Q. After you got off your carrier at the bottom of Beechcroft, why did you run to
the right of the van down to the end of the cul-de-sac?

A. I was chasing somebody.

Q. How did you come to be chasing somebody.

A. Bricks had been thrown at the carrier. I saw
them running away and felt they were
suspects and should therefore be questioned. [REDACTED]

Q. Is this at the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue.

A. In that area - yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Had you seen or heard anything which justified that immediate action?

A. I hadn't seen them commit any
offence - no. These were two white youths. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Q. Was any other officer from your carrier or unit with or near you at this time?
A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]
- Q. What was the first thing you saw on getting out of the carrier.
A. I don't know. I can't remember [REDACTED]
- Q. Did you just stand there until you saw these two youths.
A. I had seen them while I was in the carrier. [REDACTED]
- Q. You described the two youths you say you chased - could one of them have been the girl you later saw behind No. 82, Orchard Avenue in a distressed condition?
A. No. They were definitely males. [REDACTED]
- Q. Were there other youths running in the direction of the cul de sac at that time?
A. There were other people about I can't say exactly where. [REDACTED]
- Q. Were there officers running in front or behind you towards the dead end.
A. There were other policemen there running but I can't say whether they were in front or behind me. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Were there other Officers from your unit in front or behind you during the chase?

A. I don't remember seeing any, although I know now that there were. [REDACTED]

Q. When the two youths you referred to had climbed over the fence at the end of the cul-de-sac, were they being pursued by other officers?

A. I can't say not to my knowledge [REDACTED]

Q. Why did you give up the chase?

A. They were over the fence by the time I got to it and I wouldn't have caught them. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you hear any officer shout; "Get that one in the yellow jumper".

A. No. [REDACTED]

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Q. The young white girl you referred to behind No. 82, where did she appear from?

A. I only saw her on my way out. [REDACTED]

Q. How far did you go behind no. 82.

A. To the fence at the side of the rear end of the house. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was she standing.

A. She was standing by the side of the house on the opposite side of the alley to the house. I am not sure if there is a hedge there [REDACTED]

Q. Had you passed her by whilst chasing the two youths?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. We now know that that girl had arrived around the back of the house by going down an alley off Beechcroft Ave and not from Orchard Avenue.

Q. Did you strike her with your truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see anyone else strike her with a truncheon?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. We now know she had an injury to her head - do you know how she came by this injury?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any injury

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Was any other officer in her vicinity at that time?

A. I can't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did she appear to be injured.

A. She was crying but she didn't appear to be injured. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you or anyone else go up to her and talk to her ?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you not wonder why she should be distressed?

A. I thought it was because of the situation. [REDACTED]

Q. You referred in your statement to 6 other officers in the area at around that time - but none of your unit members. [REDACTED] was certainly there, do you know him?

Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see him there.

A. I don't remember [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know [REDACTED] from 3 Unit?

A. No. I don't know anyone from
3 unit. [REDACTED]

Q. What were the officers doing behind No. 82?

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. How long did you remain there?

A. Only a short time. [REDACTED]

Q. How long is that.

A. A matter of a few seconds really. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. We know that [REDACTED] detained a man there, did you witness or assist in that?

A. I don't remember doing so. I don't remember assisting him although I assisted in a number of arrests. [REDACTED] that day. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible you assisted him.

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] remembers seeing you there. Did you speak to him about it?

A. We spoke about it at the ID parades. [REDACTED]

Q. Not before then ?

A. Not that I remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did you re-trace your route along Orchard Avenue?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you alone.

A. As far as I remember [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] took his man along that street from the rear of No. 82. Were you with him?

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible you were with him?

A. I don't think so. [REDACTED]

Q. Is it possible there was a third P.C.

A. I can't say. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you then go up Beechcroft Avenue, into Broadway and rejoin your carrier there?

A. Yes but I didn't join my carrier.

It was a one unit carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Which one unit carrier.

A. Either ONE TWO or ONE THREE. [REDACTED]

Q. Exactly where in Broadway was your carrier parked?

A. I didn't see my carrier until some time afterwards. [REDACTED]

Q. Are you saying it wasn't there.

A. At that time. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you go direct to that one unit carrier?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Where was U.12 at that time ?

A. It was at the junction I am not sure
if it was 1.2. that I got on [REDACTED]

Q. Do you know who was on it.

A. I can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you assist [REDACTED] or any other officer to take a man from the cul-de-sac
to a 3 unit carrier in the Broadway?

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

Q. Is it possible ?

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

Q. Did you assault any person detained
or speak to such persons.

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see such an occurrence ?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see anyone hit by a Police Officer with a truncheon.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Slapped in the face with the back of a hand?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Prodded with a truncheon and called a bastard.

A. No.

Q. Have you anything further to say which might assist this enquiry ?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Further I.D. parades may be held in the near future and you may be asked to attend.

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Finished 3.30pm

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Interview of: [REDACTED] 1 unit S.P.G.

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

at: X.S.

on: 26/4/79
Commenced 6.33 p.m.
Finish 7.25 p.m.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. One unit [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

I don't think we had a Sergeant at that time

A. I am not sure whether [REDACTED] was with us.

We changed carriers during the day. [REDACTED]

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

A. We went to a call from three unit that they were under attack, we travelled down the main road and turned right into a side turning. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out and at what point?

A. I got out in Beechcroft Avenue I think others got out, and I think it was near the bottom end of the road (the southern end) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. Did you have protective shields and did you have one

A. They were on the carrier but I did not have one. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not as far as I can remember, no. [REDACTED]

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

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. As we approached Beechcroft Avenue along the Broadway there was one carriers behind us, but I do not know whether there was one in front. There were carriers on the junction and there was a shout that the demonstrators were "Down there" that is down Beechcroft. Our carriers turned into Beechcroft. There was a crowd of about 30 or 40 people and they began to run. I heard a bang on the carriers as if something had hit us. I could not see that well. I was sitting near the back. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. NHt Put.

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

A. The carrier pulled up $\frac{1}{2}$ of the way down, and I got out. I do not remember who got out with me. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember if anyone got out before you in Beechcroft?

A. I cannot remember [REDACTED]

Q. Did anyone take a shield with them?

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. "Describe what happened in the situation?"

A. When I got out I saw a lad with a brick. I think he was white. He was on the east side of the road. I ran up to him with my truncheon raised and told him to drop the brick. He made as if to throw it at me, and as I got near him he dropped it. He ran off going back towards the Broadway (North) I chased after him. I could not catch him as he ran off between some parked cars so I gave up and then made my way down to Orchard Avenue. I was in the road and I turned left. There was a lot of shouting. I saw other uniformed officers chasing demonstrators east along Orchard Avenue. The demonstrators were disappearing down side alleys and service road. The road was clear when I got to the end. After a bit there was a carriers there and I got on it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. I did not see any arrests. There was nothing else of note. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see a struggle between Police and an Asian lad at the junction of Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Were there cars parked on both sides of Beechcroft Road?

Q. I think they were on both sides [REDACTED]

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

A. Most of my work was in Beechcroft . I did not see anything in Orchard. [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. None at all [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. I think [REDACTED] was on the carrier. I believe [REDACTED] was driving. I cannot say who else was there. The only person that I saw when I got out and he had a shield was [REDACTED]. I think that that was when I was running after that bloke with the brick or coming back afterwards. He was just walking with the shield. I do not know which way. [REDACTED]

Q. When you got back onto your carrier were there any prisoners on board?

A. I cannot remember. [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED] C.I.B.(2)
at XS
on 26/4/79
commenced at 7.28 pm
finished at

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A Barnes 2 pm [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. I drew it but did not use it [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1957, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1958, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Special Patrol Group

..... One Unit, Barnes Police Station

..... '7' District..... Metropolitan Police

This statement,* consisting of 16 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 am a Police Constable serving with the Metropolitan Police and joined the Force on [REDACTED] In November 1975 I was transferred to the Special Patrol Group and served with number one unit, firstly at Hounslow and latterly at Barnes. [REDACTED] is the officer currently in charge of my unit which in addition consists of three sergeants and thirty Police Constables including myself although I'm not exactly sure what the current number of constables there are.

On Sunday 22nd April, 1979 the whole unit was on a rest day and should also have been rest day the following day - Monday 23rd April, 1979.

However we were warned for duty for the Monday in connection with

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

*Delete as applicable.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

a National Front meeting at Southall Town Hall.

I reported for duty at Barnes Police Station at 2pm that day along with [REDACTED] and other members of our unit I recall being briefed there by [REDACTED] who stated there would be a meeting of the National Front at Southall Town Hall and that there may be Left Wing demonstration.

At the briefing as far as I remember although I can't exactly be sure I saw the three Unit Sergeants were present - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Apart from myself I seem to recall seeing the following P.C.'s - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I also know that [REDACTED] was not present because he was off sick or on light duties.

We usually work under a Sergeant, mine being [REDACTED] on that day. Additionally I work permanently with [REDACTED]. The Unit is equipped with three FORD TRANSIT CARRIERS which are equipped with radios and allocated the call signs 'Uniform one one; one two and one three'.

On that Monday [REDACTED] was allocated the carrier 'Uniform one one' and when we left Barnes for Southall my recollection is that on board the vehicle apart from [REDACTED] and myself, were [REDACTED] and I think a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the

Signed: [REDACTED] nature witnessed by [REDACTED] 14/2

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

driver and [REDACTED] - the wireless operator. Although we have a woman Police Constable attached to my unit I don't recall seeing her that day and she was never on board my particular carrier.

Apart from [REDACTED] whom I'm not sure about we were all wearing protective Police Helmets, Uniform, with raincoats and equipped with regulation truncheons. In the carrier were a number of riot shields - probably four.

I seem to recollect that on the way to Southall we stopped at a Police Station for a meal.

Also while on route to Southall I seem to recall answering a call for assistance from another Special Patrol Group Unit somewhere in the Southall area. I can't remember what the call was about. We made no arrests and made our way to Southall. I remember about this time there was a pretty severe hailstorm. I do not know the Southall area and have had to consult a map in order to be as accurate as I can in recalling the remainder of the events that day.

My first recollection apart from patrolling, the area, in the carrier was being involved in an incident in Park View Road. It must have been the late afternoon or early evening. I would judge about 5pm/5.30pm. All three of our units carriers parked in Park View Road facing the High Street, opposite an old large house

Signed [REDACTED] signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 4/13

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

which appeared to be the Headquarters of some of the Left Wing Demonstrators. In the High Street and to our right about 40 yards away, was a cordon of foot Police across the High Street.

There were several Anti-Nazi League Supporters and Left Wing element walking to and from this house and the general opinion among us was that there could be trouble from that house later on in view of the number of people that were building up in the house.

In particular I remember seeing a coloured man walking up and down Park View Road and some of the High Street speaking to the crowd through a loud hailer. I appeared to me that the crowd were getting very agitated.

On [REDACTED] instructions all three carriers were moved out of Park View Road into the High Street. I can't recall on whose carrier [REDACTED] was travelling.

The atmosphere then began to build up and the crowd got larger at the junction incited by the man with the loud hailer and began to spill into the roadway, with the assistance of some Divisional foot Police we got out of the carrier and ensured that the crowd were put back onto the footway. There was then a thin cordon of Divisional Officers placed across the Park View Road at the Junction.

Signed [REDACTED] Witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

By this time I had been instructed by [REDACTED] in the event of violence breaking out, that myself [REDACTED] and another officer who I can't recall at this stage were to make use of the riot shields in our carrier to protect ourselves and other officers from missiles.

Missiles in the form of bricks and bottles began to be thrown at the Police vehicles and the officers, from behind some hoardings or from that vicinity. Looking at the map I can say the hoardings were at the top of Park View Road at the High Street and opposite Southall Park.

We then got the shields out; i.e. myself [REDACTED] and the other Officers. Because by this time a continuous rain of missiles was being thrown at the Police lines.

I saw one Officer fall to the ground with visible injuries to his face.

During the onslaught of bricks and bottles etc. I was parted from the other two officers who were carrying the shields and marooned on my own in the middle of the road in the High Street.

It was then that a bottle that had been thrown hit me in the kidney. I fell back against the side of the carrier in great pain, and which took my breath away.

Signed [REDACTED] Nature witnessed by [REDACTED] 12/15

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

The side door of the carrier was opened from the inside and I was dragged inside.

I remember seeing [REDACTED] inside the carrier who told me to assist him by getting out of the vehicle again in an attempt to restore order.

We got out of the vehicle again under a hail of missiles, moved across the street over a low brick wall to a churchyard where by this time the majority of the missiles were being thrown from.

I remember at this stage several Mounted Branch Officers arrived on the scene and assisted to restore order.

Park View Road is a cul de sac. The Mounted Officers lined up at the top of the road at the junction with the High Street. By this time [REDACTED] and I had found [REDACTED] in the Churchyard and he had joined us with his shield.

The rioters were still throwing missiles and we followed the mounted officers as they charged down the street with their truncheons drawn in a further attempt to restore order.

This caused the rioters which must have numbered at least one hundred to try and escape by running through the adjoining gardens. This caused the occupants of some of the houses whose property

Signed [REDACTED] ature witnessed by [REDACTED] 14/6

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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

was being damaged, i.e. fences knocked down, gates pulled off and gardens trampled on to assault the rioters with cricket bats and pieces of wood.

I must have taken twenty minutes or more to restore order and clear the street.

I recall that during the incident I had my truncheon out which I used on one occasion during this time on a man who was running amock, damaging property and assaulting people. I can't identify the man, and he escaped into the crowd before I could arrest him. In using my truncheon on the man I merely poked him hard in the ribs to prevent him assaulting me.

I would add that my injury was still giving me trouble. I knew that arrests were being made but I did n't make any.

I walked back up Park View Road towards the High Street. On passing the old house that I have previously mentioned I saw two of my colleagues. [REDACTED] and another officer who I can't recall now covered in paint it was then that I heard the news that [REDACTED] had been stabbed and [REDACTED] had been injured in the eye.

I then made my way back to the carrier.

Signed [REDACTED] Nature witnessed by [REDACTED] 14/7

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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

As we were standing along side the carrier there were bricks thrown from the direction of Southall Park. Three or four of us walked over towards the park, in the direction of where the bricks had come from, there was quite a large crowd of Anti Nazi League supporters and other people standing on the footway alongside the park. Because of the bricks that had presumably been thrown by the crowd we ushered them into the park.

We stood by the park for a while to make sure there were no other disturbances and subsequently walked back to the carrier.

By this time if I recall correctly, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had left with prisoners and as I have mentioned [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had been injured. I didn't see them anymore.

Once that had been settled and events had quietened down slightly I got back on the carrier. I wasn't feeling too well at that stage. I found it painful to breathe.

Thinking about it I'm not sure at that time that I had got back onto [REDACTED] carrier. It may have been another carrier from my unit with [REDACTED] taking injured officers to hospital or prisoner to a charging centre in the vehicle.

I know that one or more of the carriers was missing at this stage.

Signature [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]

My next recollection is of [REDACTED] being present at Park View Road and giving instructions that we were to patrol an area North of Uxbridge Road to give assistance when required and maintain order.

I know that by the time we started patrolling I was back in my own carrier with [REDACTED] driving. [REDACTED] was in the vehicle so was [REDACTED]. There was another Officer in the front of the vehicle in place of [REDACTED] who as I said had had an arrest. Again as I've said [REDACTED] wasn't there. Although there must have been other people in the vehicle I can't remember who they were.

Looking again at the map I recall after we patrolled for a while during which time we stopped and parked in the Broadway near Herbert Road. I know that nearby was a private coach or bus which had been damaged by a flare or petrol bomb where later particularly I remember a wireless message being received that officers of no. three unit were under attack in a nearby road I now know it was the junction of the Broadway and Beecherof Avenue I can't put a time to this but seem to recall it was getting dark, but it had been raining.

When the call was received I'm sure, there were two carriers including our own. Where we set off to answer this call I was sat near the back of the vehicle on the offside. The only other officer I remember was [REDACTED] driving.

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]

We drew down Uxbridge Road and turned right, into Beechcroft Avenue. On reflection, I feel we were the first of the two vehicles into the street. There was certainly another carrier behind us.

As we turned into Beechcroft Avenue I recall seeing a group of Police Officers some I think had shields standing on the corner. Nearby was a parked Special Patrol Group Carrier. The Officers on the carrier were pointing down Beechcroft Avenue shouting "They're down there".

As we turned into Beechcroft Avenue I heard a bang which I thought was a missile hitting the windscreen of our vehicle. I instinctively got out the seat to see what was happening. I then heard other bangs on the carrier and although I couldn't see what was hitting the vehicle it was obvious that missiles were being thrown at it.

When I looked down the Avenue as we turned the corner I could see a crowd of some forty or fifty people or more running down the Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. My impression was that the majority of the crowd was on the nearside of the road.

The carrier stopped about two thirds down Beechcroft Avenue somewhere that appears to be near nos 13 or 15.

I got out of the carrier but can't now recall which door

Signed [REDACTED] Nature witnessed by... [REDACTED] 1420

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

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

I got out of. I didn't take a shield and as far as I can recall nobody else did.

When I got out of the carrier I recall seeing a white man who appeared to me to be about to throw a brick at me. He was standing towards the rear of the carrier. The incident happened very quickly and I can't recall now how far away he was although he was close enough to hit me with the brick he had in his hand. I took out my truncheon with the intention of trying to knock the brick out of his hand. He dropped the brick and ran up the Avenue towards the Uxbridge Road. I gave chase but I lost him behind some cars near the top of the Avenue. I can't identify the man again or describe him any further after that, I think he was white. At the time I chased the man I can't remember whether I was wearing a raincoat or not.

After losing this man I turned round and began walking down Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. I think I had then put my truncheon away.

Due to the earlier injury and the effort of chasing the man who had the brick it took me some time to reach Orchard Avenue probably 2 or 3 minutes.

As I walked down I recall seeing [REDACTED] from my unit who was carrying a shield walking down in front of me also towards Orchard

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Avenue. I didn't speak to him. There were other officers in Beechcroft Avenue and civilians. There were officers running about but I saw nobody hit by a Police Officer with a truncheon.

Although I think I walked down the nearside pavement and turned left into Orchard Avenue I have no recollection of seeing the now deceased man Blair PEACH sitting on a wall at that junction. When I reached Orchard Avenue the main body of Police appeared to have moved the remaining demonstrators well in front of me at a point somewhere in the vicinity of no. 37 Orchard Avenue with the demonstrators running away from me towards Herbert Road still throwing missiles. By the time I reached the end of Herbert Road the last of them appeared to have been fenced down an alleyway leading towards St. Josephs' Drive, still throwing missiles. I should have mentioned that when I walked back down Beechcroft Avenue I don't recollect any carriers being in the street.

When I reached Herbert Road junction with Orchard Avenue I saw my carrier with [REDACTED] in the driving seat. I got on the vehicle. Before I got on the carrier I remember seeing [REDACTED] standing on the corner. I think at that time he was wearing a helmet. As far as I remember he also got on the vehicle. I can't remember who else was in the carrier at that time.

Thereafter for the remainder of the evening we drove round in the vehicle during which time I recall attending at least one other

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

incident. I think at the North side of Uxbridge Road, where there was a similar brick throwing incident, by a crowd of demonstrators.

I and other officers got out of the carrier and ran after them, but were unable to catch anyone. I can't now recall which road it was in.

I cannot remember at what time we finished duty that day but recall that I along with other officers called at Ealing Police Station on the way back to Barnes to report our various injuries.

Since the death of the man PEACH became common knowledge although I and other officers have discussed the fact that we have been interviewed by officers of the Complaints Investigation Bureau about the matter no other Police Officer has given me any indication that he has any personal knowledge of what happened.

I myself have no other knowledge that would assist this enquiry.

Signed

signature witnessed by

[Signature]

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21")..... 35 years
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to No 1 Unit Special
..... Petrol Group
..... Barnes

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

Dated the 7th day of June, 1979.

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

Further to my statement of 17th May 1979 I have been asked by [redacted] to expand on a few points.

I was posted to No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group in [redacted]. My present partner is [redacted]; he has only been on the Unit for about [redacted] and has been my partner during that time. Before he joined the Unit [redacted] was my partner for about 5 or 6 months and before that [redacted] was my partner for over 2 years.

I have been asked who I know on 3 Unit. The only one I might know is [redacted], I know others by face but not by name.

I have been asked about the weapons found during the search of the personal lockers and can say that I have never seen any ccses or similar items in the possession of any of my colleagues. I have

Signed..... Signature witnessed by.....
*Delete as applicable.

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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]

never had possession of such an items. Regarding items such as hammer handles and crow bars I have seen these items on the carriers before but this would only be when we were engaged on a specific task which required a lawful forcible entry. I have never seen these at any other time.

I have been asked where my locker is in relation to [REDACTED] it is two lockers away. I have also been asked if I have ever seen coshes, crow bars and the like in his possession or in his lockers, I have never seen them at any time. I would like to say that [REDACTED] is a very mild manner person and when ever I have seen him dealing with members of the public he is always civil and courteous to them.

I have been asked if I have ever seen a driving licence in the name of [REDACTED] at Barnes Police Station. I have not. I have been asked if I have ever seen a driving licence laying around in the police station. I have not.

I have been asked to reiterate what I said earlier regarding the incident at Beechcroft Avenue. I was on the lead carrier coming along the Broadway and when we got to Beechcroft Avenue we turned right into that road. I have been asked if I heard a noise from under the carrier at this stage. I do not recall it. As we approached the junction there were police officers in the Broadway on the far side of the junction. I think some had shields. As we turned into Beechcroft Avenue, I saw a crowd of about 50 demonstrators, that's my estimate, it may not be correct though.

Signed [REDACTED] Nature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

just down from the junction on the left hand side as you go down. When we turned into the road they started to run down that footway towards Orchard Avenue. I seem to recall that at the junction of the Broadway somebody shouted 'They're down there' meaning the Orchard Avenue end. We drove straight down the road. Although I think we may have momentarily stopped at the junction of the Broadway. If we did stop, I can't remember anybody getting out there and the carriers went more or less straight down the road. It is my recollection that we stopped about two thirds of the way down the street. I have been asked if I could be wrong and that we did in fact stop at the junction with Orchard Avenue. All I can say is that this may be possible, but I still maintain what we stopped where I said. At the top of Beechcroft there was a loud bang when something hit the carrier, I assumed it was a missile thrown at it. I mentioned the crowd of 50 or so demonstrators on our left who then ran down the road. I'm pretty sure that they were throwing missiles. Just before we had pulled up we had caught up with the crowd that had run down. I got out of the van and saw a white man, not very far away facing me with a brick in his hand; he was on the left footway to the nearside of the van. I drew my truncheon and ran at him. He dropped the brick and ran off up the footway, it was only a short distance when he ran behind a parked car into the middle of the road and I lost him. I then walked back down the road towards Orchard Avenue. Just after I had turned round I saw [redacted] with a shield fairly near the junction with Orchard Avenue. I can't remember which way he was going. I turned left at the junction and walked towards Herbert Road. I have been asked what was at the junction when I came round the corner, all I remember is that there were uniform officers

Signed..... Signature witnessed by..... 1/6/75

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

walking towards Herbert Road. As far as I can remember most of the officers and demonstrators had gone along to Herbert Road. I can't remember if there was a carrier at the junction or not. I recall that as I went along the left footway of Orchard Avenue, seeing some uniform officers on the same footway telling people to move on. I don't know who those officers were. When I arrived at the junction of Herbert Road I met [REDACTED] and I believe [REDACTED]. I believe that just as I arrived our carrier arrived with [REDACTED] driving. He parked at an angle facing towards Herbert Road. On the corner not far from the carrier there was a camera man and a photographer who I believe were Press. I went with [REDACTED] and he told them to move off. I then walked across to an alleyway just off Orchard Avenue where I saw some uniform officers standing in the alleyway. On the other side of the road I would like to say there were some District Officers. I then got on to my carrier. I think we turned round went back down Orchard Avenue and up Beechcroft Avenue. I have been asked if an ambulance passed us at this stage. I do not recall one. I have been asked about when we were in the carrier coming down Beechcroft Avenue, if I saw any police officers running with or after the demonstrators, I did not. However when I chased the man up the road I did see PC's running down in the road. I have been asked to describe the man I chased; I cannot describe him in any way at all, other than the fact that he was white. I do not even know which hand he held the brick in. I do not know how far up the road I chased him at all. I have been told that [REDACTED] states that I got out of the van at the junction of Orchard Avenue and went straight towards demonstrators just to the left of the junction; this is not correct. I do not recall which door I got out of or who got out.

Signed..... signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of..... [redacted]

out in front or behind me but when I got out the suspect with the brick was to the rear of the van on the nearside pavement. I have been asked if I saw a police officer with a shield together with [redacted] and a prisoner on that footway. I did not or I should say I cannot remember seeing them.

Signed..... [redacted] Nature witnessed by..... [redacted] 1428

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PLACE: NEW SCOTLAND YARD, CIB(2)

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY: [REDACTED]

ALSO PRESENT: [REDACTED]

DATE: FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 1979

TIME COMMENCED: 2.50PM

Q. I have prepared a list of questions
which have been typed. I will read
those questions to you and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] will take down the answers
as you choose to give them.
Afterwards you will have an opportunity
to read and sign them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Q. How long have you been on the S.P.C.?

A. Since November 1975 - That's about
three- and- a half years.

[REDACTED]

Q. Who is your partner?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Who were your previous partners.

A.

Before [REDACTED] it was [REDACTED]

Before that it was [REDACTED] and

before that it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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3.

Q. Who is your Inspector?

A. My Inspector is

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1430

Q. What are the names of the SPC officers who were with you on the Carrier 11 at about 8 pm in Southall on 25.4.79?

A. Is that when we went to the incident.

Q. Yes. [REDACTED]

A. As far as I can remember it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (who was the driver) and myself. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember [REDACTED] being on the van.

A. No I can't. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember [REDACTED] being on the van.

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

Q. You say you don't think you can remember - do you or don't you.

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

Q. This was at Beechcroft Avenue, Southall?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. When the carrier stopped what did your colleagues do
in name order:-

[REDACTED]

A. I can't really remember - or I
can't remember. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see him at all.

A. What do you mean - at that
stage? [REDACTED]

Q. Yes.

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

A. No. I didn't notice him about. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED]

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

Q. Can't remember or didn't see?

A. Can I put it this way. We obviously all got out of the carrier but I can't remember seeing anyone specifically. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did you see anybody.

A. I was intent on getting out of the carrier myself. I didn't see anybody [REDACTED]

Q. Are you now saying that you didn't see any of your colleagues at all.

A. Getting out of the carrier do you mean - or in the carrier before hand. [REDACTED]

Q. Let's take it in order - Firstly in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

carrier.

A. Yes. I can remember them in the carrier before we got out. [REDACTED]

Q. What can you remember about that.

A. I can remember the officers I have already mentioned being in the carrier on our way to the call. [REDACTED]

Q. What about when you got out of the van.

A. As I said before I was intent on getting out myself. [REDACTED]

Q. And what.

A. And I can't remember the other officers I have mentioned getting out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Now let's get back to my original question. When your colleagues got out of the carrier what did they do.

A. Can you repeat question. [REDACTED]

Q. (Repeated)

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

Q. Can't remember or didn't see.

A. As I said to you before they all got out of the carrier - the ones you have mentioned, but I didn't see them. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see what [REDACTED] did.

A. No I didn't. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see [REDACTED] get out. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you see [REDACTED] out of the varrier.

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

Q. How long was each officer off the carrier?

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

Q. Can you give any idea.

A. None at all, sir. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. How long was the carrier stationary at the junction of Beechcroft and Orchard?

A. Could you repeat that.

Q. (Repeated)

A. I couldn't tell you that either. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you any idea.

A. No idea at all. I didn't really see it there. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. I put it to you that you and the other officers went from the carrier straight into a group of demonstrators on the pavement at the junction of Beechcroft/Orchard on the Zerbert Road side. Can you enlarge on that?

A. Can I ask you a question. Can you tell me the exact location please. [REDACTED]

Q. As you come down Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue on the left hand corner of that junction.

A. No. I went up Beechcroft Avenue towards the Broadway. [REDACTED]

Q. Why.

A. Because when I got out of the carrier, which I feel parked two-thirds of the way down Beechcroft, I saw a man holding a brick, and I followed him, or ran after him up Beechcroft. I

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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don't know where the other officers went. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Can you now describe that man.

A. I cannot. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. It is understood Blair Peach received an injury to his head from which he died at the location, I had described. What do you know about it?

A. I know nothing about that. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Did you have a truncheon in your hand?

A. At what stage do you mean sir. [REDACTED]

Q. When you got out of the van.

A. Not when I got out of the van.
I drew it out of my pocket when
I saw this man who I thought
was going to throw a brick at
me. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. It is alleged other persons were assaulted by police with truncheons at that point or in the immediate vicinity what do you know about that?

A. Can you repeat the question.

Q. (Repeated)

A. I don't know anything about that. [REDACTED]

Q. Has anyone told you that they had to use their truncheon at that location.

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

Q. What do you know of any officer possessing unauthorised
truncheons or a cosh?

A. I know of none. Definitely not.

[REDACTED]

Q. What do you know about unauthorised weapons carried by SPG officers on the SPG carrier?

A. Could you first clarify that sir.
What you mean by unauthorised weapons. [REDACTED]

Q. Anything at all that is unauthorised.

A. Nothing unauthorised. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Do you know how long [REDACTED] has had a weapon which could be described as a cosh or blackjack, or unauthorised trunche or similar type of thing?

A. I did not know that he ever owned one. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Has he ever loaned such to you?

A. No Sir. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Q. Do you know anything about such weapons?

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

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Q. What do you know of any officer of rank who knows about the existence of such weapons on the SPG?

A. I don't know anything about that.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. There was a stolen driving licence in the locker room at Barnes - what do you know about that?

A. Nothing at all. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. What do you know about [REDACTED] supplying instruments, weapons or tools to SPG officers on the Unit?

A. I don't know anything about that. [REDACTED]

Q. You have seen various instruments on the carrier in the past.

A. Yes, I have. [REDACTED]

Q. Where did they come from.

A. I can't tell you that, I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. What instruments are those that you are referring to.

A. The only instruments that I have seen are a hammer handle, by that I mean a long hammer handle - very long hammer handle, and a crow bar. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Who do you recall having possession of these items.

A. I can't remember anyone specifically having them. I think we've all probably used them on a specific task as a raid where a warrant is to be executed and to gain access lawfully. I would just like to add these are the only occasions I have seen them used - for that purpose only. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Has it been agreed amongst you the account you will give in respect of the incident at Beechcroft and Orchard Avenue?

A. Definitely not. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. What do you know which may assist to determine how Clement Peach met his death?

A. I don't know anything about this.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C. Is there anything else you wish to say?

A. No. [REDACTED]

CONCLUDED 3.29 pm. [REDACTED]

Read over by [REDACTED] and
signed to this point at 4.00 pm.

[REDACTED] - I would like to
clarify an answer I gave at the
bottom of page 6B - I can remember
officers getting out of the carrier but
I can't remember specifically who. [REDACTED]

I have read over the above questions
and answers on 30 pages and they
are correct. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CONCLUDED 4.05 pm. [REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]
No 1 unit SPG (TN)
by: [REDACTED] G.I.B.(2)
at: Southall Police Station.
on: Tuesday 24th April 1979

Present :- [REDACTED]

Commenced :- 11.55 pm.

Terminated:- 12.12 am.

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]

[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.

No 1 unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. My sergeant wasn't because he had previously made an arrest. [REDACTED] was on the carrier. [REDACTED]

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

A. I don't know the time but we did go to Beechcroft Avenue to answer a call from a 3 unit vehicle. [REDACTED]

Q. What was your job that day?

A. To drive that carrier. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out the carrier in that vicinity

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. We started out with some. At various times they were taken out and put back. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. I turned into Beechcroft Avenue and there were people along Beechcroft in groups as far as I can remember. Officers got out, some if not all. I don't recall if stones were being thrown on this particular occasion. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. The officers were moving the crowds along, urging them to go away or go home. I don't recall seeing shields. I continued on along Orchard Avenue and stopped at the corner with Herbert Road. I picked up the crew and turned round. [REDACTED]

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

A.

No. [REDACTED]

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

A. I didn't see any arrests and no prisoners were put on my carrier. There were two other carriers there. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall [REDACTED] assisting with a prisoner and providing that prisoner with transport?

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

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

A. None that I can think of. [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. None at all. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put. [REDACTED]

Q. When you drove down Beechcroft Avenue were you on your own?

A. Yes. I think so. I think it was empty. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall where any of your officers were?

A. No except that they were in front of me and I was keeping pace with them. I was aware that there was another carrier somewhere behind. [REDACTED]

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

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..... and myself. was with me that day, also I am not sure if was there. Part of the equipment is the issue of four shields per carrier whenever we are on shield serials as on 23rd April. On that day I made sure there were four shields on each carrier. Posted to my carrier that day were,,,, I believe and possibly others. There was no WPC on the carrier. was the operator. was also on U11 the lead vehicle, as is usual. is always expected to start in the lowest number carrier, which leads the other two vehicles. It often happens that during a tour of duty, due to arrest, etc, we move from one vehicle to another to make up the numbers. Where a carrier is used to convey prisoners away, any officers on that carrier who are not required for that duty automatically transfer to one or other of the remaining carriers. We left Barnes, as individual carriers, at about 12.30pm. We went direct to Feltham for a meal. Halfway through our meal we were asked to go to Southall as soon as possible. I gathered that trouble had already started there. I was surprised that there was a need for our unit so early on. I thought it was a joke because the National Front meeting at the Town Hall in Southall was not due to start until 7.30pm. It was unique in my long experience of demonstrations, that trouble should start so early on. We finished our meals and the three carriers left together to go to Southall, using the blue lights and two-tone horns whenever necessary to facilitate our journey. I cannot recall any radio calls on way, perhaps because I was concentrating on my driving. Certainly we were in a hurry to get to Southall. I was not wearing a watch and it is general instructions that we don't wear our watches on demonstrations. I cannot be sure what time we arrived at

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

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Southall. It could have been as early as 2pm. We arrived in Uxbridge Road to the east of the Police Station along side a park. We parked in the main road, which is a dual carriageway with the other two carriers Uniform 12 and 13 behind. There was a cordon of police officers across Uxbridge Road more than two deep to the east of the Police Station at least 100 yards from the Town Hall. It was across from a public house to the west side of Park View Road. SPG are used as mobile reserve, so I was aware that the cordon was divisional serials. There is no difference in appearance between SPG officers and divisional officers. I believe there were some shields with the officers, but not facing the crowd. There were two distinct crowds, one on the south footway partially in the road, about 100 or more in number, unsupervised. That is, they appeared to have no marshalls or police supervision. They were shouting and chanting noisily. The second crowd were on the north footway, into the roadway, mainly on the north west corner of Park View Road. They spilled out across that road to the opposite corner. They were also noisily chanting slogans and shouting generally. There were people crossing back and forth from one crowd to the other. They seemed in a hostile mood. There was a lot of jeering and shouting at police vehicles going through the police cordon. The second crowd were 100 plus. I could see movement in Park View Road where demonstrators were going in and out of a particular house. The first house on the north side which is some way from the corner of the junction with Uxbridge Road

directed the whole unit to drive into Park View Road which we did. I led the other two vehicles to the top of the street which I found to be a cul-de-sac. We all turned round and parked one behind the other facing Uxbridge Road in Park View Road on the east side

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

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Going to and from the house were Asians, whites and Negroid types. There seemed to be some sort of headquarters there for the demonstrator I saw a West Indian type with a megaphone. He was shouting abuse at police vehicles. He went up and down amongst the demonstrators speaking to them. He seemed to have a controlling influence. The crowds were growing in number rapidly and I felt there should have been more police men there to control them. Conversation between officers on our carrier led [REDACTED] to attempt to keep the crowd in Park View to the pavement, which proved impossible. I saw [REDACTED] consulting with [REDACTED]. About this time another SPG unit of 3 carriers drove through the police cordon going west in Uxbridge Road. I did not see any physical violence towards the carriers by the crowd. We moved our vehicles out of Park View and into the centre of the Uxbridge Road. We stopped in line facing east at the start of the dual carriageway. The crowds were 20 - 30 yards away to the west. The crowd had grown and spread across the road. [REDACTED] took some of the officers off my carrier, to attempt to control the crowd in Park View Road. At some stage either while he was away, or when he had returned the carrier, I could see one or two dark skinned demonstrators kicking a low wall on the north west corner of Park View Road. They were taking out bricks, but I could not see what they were doing with them. I could see movement behind the wall, as though the bricks were being picked up. I recall seeing [REDACTED] and the majority of the unit going across towards the wall. Then one or two missiles started flying through the air from that direction towards the carriers. The vehicles were hit a number of times. Other officers then took out the shields. I don't know who took them or if all the shields were taken out. Violence then erupted. I saw [REDACTED] helping [REDACTED] from out of [REDACTED].

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

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crowd. I assumed he had been injured. Another PC was assisting [REDACTED] to walk towards our vehicle. I reversed my carrier towards the crowd and [REDACTED] was put on board. I could see he had an injury to the kidney area on one side. I drove him straight away to the Ealing hospital. On board I also had [REDACTED] an 'E' Division PC, [REDACTED] and I think [REDACTED] stayed with [REDACTED] at the hospital and also the 'E' Divisional PC. When I got back to Southall with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I believe the other carriers were still in the same place. I re-parked in my previous position. The crowds were still there and some police. It seemed fairly quiet. There were no missiles being thrown. At some stage I remember going up a side street to pick up some unit members who had pursued demonstrators in the direction. I don't know who these officers were, but we returned to the previous parking place. I learned that two officers had been injured by bricks thrown at them. It would have been past 6.30 pm by then because I had been at the hospital at 6.30pm. We still had 3 carriers at this time. I do not remember any prisoners at this time. On my carrier at this time were [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] I believe and maybe others. Definitely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were not with the carrier. I believe they had prisoners at that time. I cannot be certain if I had other officers on board from other carriers at this time. I think [REDACTED] was acting in the capacity of operator sitting alongside me. The 3 carriers as a Unit, were posted mobile patrol; north of Uxbridge Road and mainly east of Lady Margaret Road. There were several calls for assistance around the Town Hall area, and we went to a cafe opposite the Town Hall on a call. It was all quiet there when we arrived. I noticed there was a police cordon across the front of the Town Hall. There were no demonstrators around as this was

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within the police cordons. For some reason we went across to Broadway as a unit of three carriers. I don't know the reason, but perhaps because of the crowd there. I parked with the back of the carrier into the north kerb about opposite the junction with Herbert Road. From this position we could see clearly both directions in Broadway. There was a police cordon a strong one, about 20 yards to the west of Herbert Road. The other two carriers parked on the south side of Broadway at the junction with Herbert Road, facing west towards the cordon and within It would have been about 7.30pm or later. My carrier did not de-bus. I can't say about the other two. I couldn't really see the crowd beyond the cordon. There was some chanting but I didn't see any missiles there at this time. There was evidence of missiles having been thrown at some stage because I could see glass, pieces of brick and stones of various sizes. Also pieces of wood. I remember 4 or 5 green police-type coaches coming along Broadway going westwards towards the cordon. They stopped in the road before the cordon and prevented our free movement of carriers if an emergency arose. I reversed into Herbert Road on the west side corner with Broadway. One of the others parked behind me and our third carrier parked on the opposite side of Herbert Road to my carrier. We were there for as long as a quarter of an hour. At this time a private coach came through the police cordon from the west in Broadway. It stopped within my view to the right of Herbert Road. I could see damage to the rear window which was broken and marks on its side. It was a light coloured coach obviously hired by police. I heard a call over the air that the coach had been under attack in the crowd. We stayed in the carriers. I could see missiles being thrown at it from the direction of the crowd. About this time I heard a call for assistance coming over one of the R.T. channels from 3 Unit SPG to the effect that they were

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under attack. This gave it a greater degree of urgency than a normal call. The name of a road was given but I can't remember it, though I know now there was trouble at Beechcroft Avenue and it was to this specific incident we were directed. I have been asked if the name Northcote Avenue was mentioned in the R.T. call for assistance - I can't remember: [REDACTED] answered the call over the R.T. and directed me to go there. I did not know where the location was, so I called out to a policeman passing by. He directed me to the road I mentioned to him. Westwards down Broadway and on the left hand side. Because of the cordon, I thought it easier to take a roundabout route by turning right into Broadway, right at the traffic lights in South Street and right again at the traffic lights at the base of the bridge. I know from earlier that day, that roads to my right would take me up to Broadway, I estimated the distance I would need to get beyond the crowd in Broadway and turned right up to the Broadway. U12 followed me, I don't know where our third carrier had got to at that time. I assumed it had taken another route. In the Broadway I stopped to look for some sign of a disturbance and as I was on the flashing blue light and had used the two-tone horn, I accepted an indication from a traffic patrol officer on the Broadway to turn right. Having turned right I could see up ahead, Broadway a crowd of people. To their right were some police officers. As I approached the junction of a street I now know as Beechcroft Avenue I could see that there were about 10 -20 police officers, some appeared to be standing on the south east corner of the junction, looking into Beechcroft Avenue. I can't recall shields being in their possession. The other officers appeared to be advancing with shields down Beechcroft mainly on the east side. I did not look to the north of the junction and don't recall seeing any police vehicles in the vicinity. We

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approached the junction followed by U12 a few yards behind, at about 30 mph. I might have had the blue light on but I don't think the two-tones. I can't say if the carrier behind had its lights or two-tone on. In my carrier with me at this time were [REDACTED] in the operator's seat, [REDACTED] I don't know where he was sitting. There were at least one or two others with [REDACTED] but I can't remember who they were. My partner [REDACTED] was away with a prisoner, as also was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] believe, had gone to hospital. I have been asked if [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] [REDACTED] partner were on the carrier at that time and can say, I believe [REDACTED] was on one of the other two carriers I can't recall where [REDACTED] was. I could see that [REDACTED] was in the front of the carrier behind us with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Who else was in that carrier I do not know. I remember there was debris of various missiles such as stones and pieces of wood in the junction. I turned right slowing all the time with my brakes, into Beecheroff Avenue. I found myself behind a number of police, some in the road some on the east-pavement, facing down-Broadway. They were not in a line. Some had shields but I didn't notice any truncheons out at that time. There was a crowd in front of the officers, some facing police and throwing missiles, and at the same time retreating down the street. Others were facing down Beecheroff and moving away from police. I think some demonstrators were running, others walking. It was not a tight crowd, they spread out down the street some in the road itself. The nearest ones to police were some yards away others were away toward the end of the street. They were mainly Asians or dark skinned, but there were a few white people about. They were a mixed age group. I think I drove down the middle of the road at a slow speed being cautious of missiles being thrown. I passed by a number of stragglers and police

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officers. I didn't stop until I reached the bottom of Beechcroft at the junction with Orchard Avenue. I stopped with the carrier at an angle at the north east corner of the junction. The front of the carrier pointing left into Orchard Avenue, the rear in Beechcroft Avenue. I don't recall stopping on the way down. I remember the second carrier had followed me into Beechcroft Avenue but can't say how close it was behind me when I reached the bottom. The crowd had massed around the corner in front of my carrier and some more people were in the centre of the road in Orchard Avenue to the east of the junction. I arrived at the junction around the same time as some officers who had run down the west side of Beechcroft Avenue and appeared to my offside. By this time my crew had got out. I noticed out of the corner of my eye, got out of the operator's nearside side door. The others which would include got out of the side passenger door on the nearside. They all piled out more or less together. I can't be sure if any shields were taken out at that time, but not all of them. I remember that two or three shields were still in the vehicle. I did not see any of my crew getting out with truncheons in their hands. I don't recall an order being given to draw truncheons. Some had raincoats on others, I think, did not. I think, had a raincoat or I certainly saw truncheons in the hands of some policemen around my vehicle. I had turned the carrier towards the left at the bottom of the junction because most of the demonstrators went in that direction. As I recall only a few went right. I stopped the vehicle because the demonstrators stopped. The crew were going to get out to move them on. I cannot say if gave any verbal order to the crew, but assume he would have done. It is my recollection that we arrived on the junction at the same time as the foot police. Certainly as soon as I

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stopped policemen were all around. As my crew got out some demonstrators who had been standing just round the corner in Orchard Avenue and others across the opposite side of Orchard Avenue ran east along Orchard Avenue. A few missiles were thrown at my carrier and police officers. Some people perhaps 10 - 15 stayed on the corner just standing there. Some were black, some white, I think all men, mixed ages but not youngsters to my recollection. I have seen a photograph in newspapers of a man, Blair PEACE who I understand died as a result of an incident in that area on that night, and cannot recall anyone of his description, being in the vicinity of Orchard Avenue, junction with Beechcroft when we were there. I can't remember where any individual member of my carrier went when he got out of the vehicle. They got out and went to the nearside pavement towards the people congregated there. I did not notice any of my crew with truncheons drawn. All my crew got out. It is an instruction amongst ourselves, that generally speaking we de-bus through the side door and not the rear door, mainly because if the back door is used the driver is left with the task of re-locking the back door either from the outside with a key or by bolting it from the inside. Normally, the bolt is kept on. It has been suggested to me by [REDACTED] on Tuesday 24th April 1979 when he took a questionnaire from me, that I had a prisoner in my carrier sometime around that time. At the time my crew de-bussed at the arrival at the bottom of Beechcroft, I definitely did not have a prisoner or police officer on board. It is possible I did have a prisoner placed on board whilst in Orchard Avenue shortly afterwards. I was definitely on the first carrier to arrive at the bottom of Beechcroft Avenue. I think that before I started off from the junction down Orchard Avenue the second carrier had arrived and stopped behind me at the junction. I am fairly sure this must be so.

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I remember thinking that the PC's were covered by the second carrier for any demonstrators coming up behind me. When I referred to other policemen being at the junction with Beechcroft as we debussed I mean that some were police on foot, I recognise faces from 3 Unit and others were from the 2nd carrier of my unit. I also remember some faces unfamiliar to me who I believe were not SPG officers. There must have been in excess of 20 officers around that corner at that time. I did not see anyone physically hit by a police officer, with or without a truncheon. There seemed to be merely a general moving on of people. I did not see anyone who appeared in any way to be injured. I have been asked if I remember seeing a 'No Entry' sign on the corner of that junction where I stopped the carrier and can say that I did not. I was stationary in that position on the corner for no longer than about a minute. I have been asked if any officer placed a shield back into the carrier while I was there and cannot recall this happening. I think we had our full complement of shields at the end of the day. I drove off slowly down Orchard Avenue, at a walking pace behind the officers and line when I had caught up with them. I saw officers who I did not recognise. I stopped at the corner with Herbert Road and a 2 Unit SPG vehicle came the other way and stopped. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both got into the front seat with me. I think [REDACTED] arrived a minute or two before [REDACTED]. The carrier then filled up with officers from 1 and 3 Units. This is an assumption on my part since I don't remember anyone of them in particular and can't really say who they were. Since [REDACTED] had got in, I assumed his crew had also climbed aboard. I turned the carrier round and drove back down Orchard Avenue arriving back at the junction with Beechcroft about 5 minutes or so after leaving it. I think our second carrier reversed back into the west side of the

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the junction from the east side in Orchard Avenue, to let us pass into Beechcroft Avenue. I did not notice any activity on the junction. I paid no attention to anyone outside at that time. I dropped [REDACTED] and other officers at the top of Beechcroft junction with Broadway. I assumed they were all 3 Unit officers. We then went on general patrol with uniform 12 and possibly 13. On my carrier was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and one or two others. I can't recall. We went to refreshment at a school somewhere north of Uxbridge Road about half an hour later. I don't think we returned to Beechcroft later that day. The prisoner I am supposed to have had on board was obviously taken off by 3 Unit officers when I dropped them off in Broadway. I don't recall any prisoners being taken by my carriers personnel that day in Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue. Had we done so I would remember because we would have taken them up to Southall Police Station and transferred them. We have discussed the Beechcroft incident a number of times amongst the unit since then. I have heard nothing which might indicate anyone who can assist the enquiry into the death of Mr PEACH. We have been encouraged by [REDACTED] and other senior officers to tell all we know and this is what I have done. [REDACTED] has asked me a couple of times if he was on my carrier and I have told him that I thought he had been at the start of the day. I told him I couldn't remember seeing him on my carrier in the latter part of the day, but that I thought I had seen him on Uniform 12. I didn't ask him who he was working with and I don't remember who his partner is. I didn't wonder where he had been during the Southall demonstration tour of duty because I remember he had been about on one of the other carriers. We regularly account for crew members in demonstrations such as at Southall to make sure they are all right. This is done after any incident where we have debussed

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It was done at Southall and I remember accounting for him being on another carrier. I can definitely say he was not on my carrier before we went to Beechcroft Avenue. It is possible he had come back to my carrier before we went to Beechcroft Avenue. So far as I understand it he should have been on my carrier that day, unless transferred elsewhere for a specific purpose. Postings are made to individual carriers and as far as practicable this is adhered to. Likewise any other officer posted to my carrier should have been with the vehicle that day unless otherwise engaged at Court, etc. No other officer has asked me if he was on the carrier that day and I haven't checked to see who should have been with me. The Inspector or Sergeant on a carrier would normally have a list of deployment of officers. I have been asked if I recall having a plastic traffic cone under my carrier when I turned into Beechcroft Avenue at the time of the incident and can say to the best of my recollection I did not. If a cone had been under my vehicle at that time I certainly did not remove it. I recall a later incident after 9³⁰ before we went for refreshment whilst pursuing demonstrators in a side street off Broadway further west than Beechcroft when a long plastic cone got stuck under the front cross member by the axle. Most of my crew debussed to pursue demonstrators. I can't remember whether I had been driving west or east in Broadway or how I managed to pick the cone up. I stopped against the kerb to let my crew de-bus. It was a temporary one-way street. There were 10 - 15 dark skinned types and I was one of many incidents of breaking up groups of people to make them go home. While my crew were out of the vehicle I removed the cone with some difficulty, on my own. The other two vehicles were with me, at least I believe Uniform 12 parked behind. No prisoners were taken. Shortly after we went to refreshments. The cone had made a lot of noise

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and I heard it distinctly. I have been asked if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were part of my crew that day, also [REDACTED]. I remember [REDACTED] there in the early part of the day, but not later on. There is little doubt the others were on my carrier that day if they were posted to it, but I can't specifically remember them. As I previously stated I am sure I saw [REDACTED] at some stage, on another carrier. I have been asked if I remember seeing [REDACTED] in Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue at the time of the incident and repeat that he definitely got on at the Orchard Avenue junction Herbert Road as previously stated. I still do not remember if or when a prisoner was put on board at that time. I have been asked if the two-tone horn is the only warning instrument on vehicles apart from the horn and can stated that each carrier has both a two-tone horn and a bell. The bell has to be held on and is spring loaded. Normally the operator would use this. The operator also turns on the two-tone when required. I can't remember if the two-tone was used in Beechcroft that day. I was not aware of the reason for the emergency call to Beechcroft that evening or that a PC had been seriously injured by a brick thrown from the crowd. [REDACTED]

Further to the above I definitely did not get out of the carrier in Beechcroft Avenue to look the back door or for any other reason. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I got out of my carrier in Beechcroft to remove a plastic traffic cone from underneath my vehicle whilst in Beechcroft at the junction with Orchard Avenue. I cannot recall getting out to do that, I don't remember there being a cone under it at that time. I have also been asked if I went out to the back door of the carrier or for any other reason. I can't recall

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doing that. I have been asked if I remember a prisoner being put into the carrier whilst the vehicle was stopped at that junction. I cannot remember such an incident. I can give no explanation as to why I would not have seen such an occurrence whilst sitting in my vehicle. I have been asked if I saw [REDACTED] at Beechcroft Avenue junction Orchard Avenue or in that vicinity. I know [REDACTED] and can say I did not see him to the best of my recollection. I cannot recall seeing anyone on the corner where I stopped struggling with a prisoner. I think I would remember it if it were happening. [REDACTED]

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