

5.6.79

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Person Interviewed

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Barnes Police Station. W.P.C.'s room.

Commenced 7.15pm. Terminated 7.43pm

Q.

As you are aware your locker at Barnes Police Station was searched in your presence a few minutes ago. During that search the officers found this short metal truncheon in the pocket of an anorak in your locker. Can you explain where this truncheon came from [REDACTED]

A.

Its like several other items I found them. I think I found that in the street. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. When did you find this [REDACTED]

A. That I found a long time ago in excess of two years. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say where you found it. [REDACTED]

A. I can't remember now at all. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the purpose of your getting this truncheon? [REDACTED]

A. Nothing specific I just put it in my pocket. [REDACTED]

Q. Among the items found in your locker was a leather encased item that has the appearance of a truncheon. Can you explain where this came from [REDACTED]

A. I think its a whip handle and I found it in one of our police vehicles whilst cleaning them out. [REDACTED]

Q When did you find it.

A. some time ago. [REDACTED]

Q. The Police issue truncheon was found in your locker when was this issued to you? [REDACTED]

A. I've probably exchanged it in between a broken strap or something during the time of my service. [REDACTED]

Q. following the Southall demonstration a number of officers were reissued with truncheons having had their issued ones taken from them for examination was this one that was issued to you at that time [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Were you issued with
a new truncheon during
the time of the demonstration [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. This brass handle was
found in your locker [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain where this
came from [REDACTED]

A. I found it in one of our
police vehicles whilst cleaning
it out exactly when
I don't know sometime. [REDACTED]

Q. This case opener was
found in your locker.
Can you explain where
that came from [REDACTED]

A. From it arrived and
was or left on one of our
carriers after the execution

of a warrant I keep the things I find on the carriers as they obviously belong to someone. [REDACTED]

Q. When was this. When did you find this. [REDACTED]

A. Time wise the last three or four months, this side of Xmas. Theyre sort of considered the property of the unit for the execution of warrants. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain what you mean considered the property of the unit? [REDACTED]

A. We execute warrants and officers bring in items like the case opener in case they are required to enter the premises

and they are left on the vehicles for future execution of warrants and for the safe keeping I keep it in my locker. The same applies to the crow bar which you also found in my locker. [REDACTED]

Q. Is this the crow bar you were referring to [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you agree that the whip was found in your locker. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain where this came from [REDACTED]

A. Yes I bought that in America in 1969. [REDACTED]

Q. Why was it in your locker [REDACTED]

A. I don't know no specific reason. I brought it into work some time ago I think it was at a time when we were having a collection and for a joke I said we were having a whip round [REDACTED]

Q. On top of your locker was a Driving Licence in the name of [REDACTED] was found. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain who it belongs to. [REDACTED]

A. No. It has been on top of the lockers for sometime and I didn't realize it was on top of mine at this moment. [REDACTED]

Q. When did you first see it. [REDACTED]

A. Months ago. I think it was in the parade room. I'm not sure. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you make any enquiries about this? [REDACTED]

A. I think I may. I don't really know. I may have said whose is this believing someone put it down in the parade room [REDACTED]

Q. I like to refer back to the metal truncheon that was found in your anorak pocket. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have this in your possession during your recent tour of duty at Southall. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. The other item I referred to as a leather bound truncheon did you have that in your possession at Southall. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps we can short cut this by me asking you if you had any of those items that we found in your locker either in your possession or aboard your carrier during the recent tour of duty at Southall. [REDACTED]

A. Only my issue truncheon. [REDACTED]

Q. As far as you are aware is this the only key that will open your locker (ZEC050) produced. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Has any officer to your knowledge borrowed the leather bound truncheon or the metal truncheon from you. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

DSW

I would like you to check the questions & answers as recorded & if you agree with the record initial each question & answer & sign the bottom of each page. [REDACTED]

7.58pm reconenced

Q.

To clear up a little confusion can we refer back to the police issued truncheon that you said was issued to you sometime during your service. [REDACTED]

Produced. [REDACTED]

Q. Is this the truncheon that you had with you during your tour of duty at Southall. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. and is this a Police issue truncheon. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember when it was issued to you. [REDACTED]

A. I can't recall. I can't recall changing it recently. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Interview recorded on ELEVEN
11 Pages. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8.6pm 5.6.79

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Commenced 11.59pm 6.6.79
 terminated 12.01 Cell AR Station

[REDACTED] Morning [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

This is [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

Remind you of caution
 given last night still
 applies there are a
 number of matters I still
 wish to put to you. Have
 you instructed a solicitor [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Are you willing that these
 matters be put to you at
 this time. [REDACTED]

A. I would prefer to speak to
 a solicitor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Have you the name of a
 Solicitor you wish to contact. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Arrangements will be made
for you to do this and
I'll speak to you again
when this has been
done. [REDACTED]
Thats all I require at
this stage [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If you agree with this record
will you sign the record
which has been contemporaneously
recorded. [REDACTED]

Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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12:05pm

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Complaints Investigation Branch,
New Scotland Yard.

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]

DATE TIME & PLACE OF INTERVIEW: 6.6.79 Room no. 921 New Scotland Yard

INTERVIEWED BY: [REDACTED] CIB(2)

ASSISTED BY: [REDACTED] CIB(2)

TIME COMMENCED: 0200 hrs

TIME CONCLUDED: 0215 hrs

As you are aware I am [REDACTED] and this is [REDACTED] and we are both attached to the Complaints Investigation Branch. Earlier this evening a number of items were found in your locker at Barnes Police Station which you have already been questioned about. I would now like to put one or two matters to you in relation to some of those items and of your movements during your tour of duty at Southall on Monday 23rd April, 1979. Before putting these questions to you I should caution you that;

'You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so but what you say may be put into writing and given in evidence'

REPLY: 0201

No reply [REDACTED]

Time Caution Administered: 0201

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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QUESTION: Before we start can I show you again the items that were taken from and on top of your lockers earlier this evening these are;

- JW/1 One Police issue truncheon
- JW/2 One Metal truncheon
- JW/3 One Leather encased truncheon
- JW/4 One Leather whip
- JW/5 One Brass handle
- JW/6 One Caseopener
- JW/7 One Crowbar
- JW/8 One Driving Licence No. [REDACTED] in the name of [REDACTED]

Do you agree these are the items found and for which you gave explanations earlier.

ANSWER:

Yes [REDACTED]

Q.

Perhaps I ought to show this as well. Exhibit JW/9
Is this the key to your locker which you handed to me earlier [REDACTED]

A.

Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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QUESTION: Were your duties for yesterday from 6pm until 2am. [REDACTED]

ANSWER: Yes Sir, except I booked on
an hour earlier for maintenance
to the vehicles [REDACTED]

QUESTION: Was it intended that your duties were to have been
in plain clothes. [REDACTED]

ANSWER: Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

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QUESTION: The reason I have asked you that is because this Metal Truncheon was found in your anorac did you intend taking that weapon on duty with you.
Exbt JW/2.

ANSWER: No Sir

QUESTION: What were your Carriers duties last evening.

ANSWERS: I'm sorry
Question repeated
At 6 O'Clock we would have been going to Hammersmith section to work.

Q. What would this entail.

A. Patrolling on foot.

Q. To your knowledge did your unit have any other particular duties last evening other than going to Hammersmith.

A. Originally yes

Q. What was that to have been. [REDACTED]

A. Either a raid or an execution
of a warrant at some time
during the evening [REDACTED]

Q. At whose request. [REDACTED]

A. I'm not sure if it was a
warrant from the unit or
assisting 'F' Division. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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QUESTION: What were your particular duties.

ANSWER: Plain Clothes on board
Uniform 12 [REDACTED]

QUESTION: Enquiries have shown that the driving licence Exhibit JW/8 that was found on top of your locker was stolen some 9 to 12 months ago in the West End. Is there anything you would like tell me further to what you said about that licence earlier. [REDACTED]

ANSWER: No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

QUESTION: As you know I am one of the officers making enquiries into the circumstances surrounding the death of Blair PEACH who sustained a fatal head injury during the recent Southall demonstration. Investigation has shown that a number of witnesses have said that Peach was hit on the head by a Police Officer at Beachcroft Avenue junction with Orchard Avenue. It is said and confirmed by a number of witnesses that an SPG Carrier was at that location at the material time and some of those witnesses will say that the Police Officer who struck Peach came out of that vehicle. From our enquiries it is apparent that your Carrier was the one in question. On interview you stated that you did not leave the drivers seat of that Carrier whilst it was at the location in question. I must now tell you that it has now been said that you left your vehicle whilst it was parked at that location. Is there anything you wish to say to me about that.

ANSWER: I believe I said to my
recollection I never left the
vehicle [REDACTED]

Q. Is it still your recollection that
you never left the vehicle? [REDACTED]

A. I've tried to remember hard
what I did and that is
my recollection [REDACTED]


[REDACTED]


[REDACTED]


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QUESTION: The reason for the search of your Units lockers last evening was because evidence was received yesterday afternoon from the pathologists who conducted the post mortem on Peach that the fatal blow was more likely to have been caused by a covered metallic object. Did you strike that blow with this truncheon (Exhibit JW/2).

ANSWER: No definitely not. 





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QUESTION: That is all I am able to put to you tonight. Is there anything else you would like to say to me. [REDACTED]

ANSWER: When I found that metal truncheon I recollect that it was at a road block that as a unit we'd been conducting and after dealing with several cars that it must have been dropped by someone who we'd stopped at the road block, exactly who I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. When & where was this road block. [REDACTED]

A. Something like 2 years ago when we did this - I was a little embarrassed that this had happened. [REDACTED]

QUESTION: These are very serious matters and you will now be detained at Rochester Row Police Station whilst enquiries continue.

ANSWER: No reply [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I would like you now to read the questions and the answers as recorded by [redacted] If you wish to add or detract from anything you have said this is your opportunity to do so. If you agree that your answers have been recorded correctly would you initial each answer and sign the bottom of each page please. [redacted]

2.25am

I would like to add that I didn't strike anyone at that demonstration in Southall with any object or by hand I do have a second truncheon with me that I ought to give to you I hadn't mentioned it cause I am not issued with two. I'm doing this to give every assistance as I have all the way through. [redacted]

Q. Where did this truncheon come from [redacted]

A. I gained it over the years of my services. [redacted]

Interview recorded on TEN (10) sheets of paper at the conclusion [redacted] signed each answer & supplementary question & answer & signed each page.

[redacted] 0228 6.6.79 [redacted]

Person Interviewed :- [REDACTED]
Place :- Room G 15. Rochester Row Police Station
Date 6.6.79
Time Commenced :- 2pm
Time Concluded :- 7.15pm
Interviewed by :- [REDACTED]
Assisted by :- [REDACTED]
Other Persons Present:- [REDACTED]

As you know I'm [REDACTED] This is
[REDACTED] and this [REDACTED]
Following on from my interviews with you
earlier this morning there are a number of matters
I want to put to you but before doing so should
remind you again that the cautions you
were given previously still apply.
Before I put any questions to you is there
anything you would like to say to
me. [REDACTED]

A. No Sir [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Following the search of your locker last evening and the finding of these items Exhbs JW/1 to JW/8. (produced) in your presence you were questioned by me at Barnes Police Station and gave your explanations as to your possession of those items. I will now ask [REDACTED] to read over the contemporaneous record of that interview which you agreed and signed to. (read) is that account correct? [REDACTED]

Yes sir [REDACTED]

Solicitor what name. [REDACTED]

Record read - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. In order to bring matters right up to date I'll now ask [REDACTED] to read the questionnaire that was put to you at 2am this morning. (Read) the one under caution Do you agree that that is an accurate account of matters up to date. [REDACTED]

Interview read [REDACTED]

Reply Yes sir [REDACTED]

Q. Is there anything you wish to say to me at this stage [REDACTED]

A. There's nothing. I can add only to reiterate what I've already said in that questionnaire [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps we can dispose of one or two matters relating to some of these items of property & in particular the D/Licence JW/8. (produced) [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say where & when you first saw this driving licence [REDACTED]

A. In our offices at Barnes [REDACTED]

Q. When & where?

A. Some months ago [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say which office [REDACTED]

A. Parade room I feel sure it was the parade room [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say whereabouts in the parade room. [REDACTED]

A. On the table [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you make any enquiries about this licence at that time. [REDACTED]

A. I believe having seen it on the table I asked if it belonged to anyone having drawn their attention to it. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall who was present at that time [REDACTED]

A. No Sir. It was a parade time when there would be a number there. [REDACTED]

Q. When did you next see the licence [REDACTED]

A. I think I saw it in our locker room & again I think someone else was enquiring and that was a couple of days later [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Break 2.24pm 45 Secs

Q Can you explain how the driving licence got on top of your locker? [REDACTED]

A. No idea Sir there's some envelopes on top of my locker they're federation envelopes [REDACTED]

Q. Can you clarify what you mean when you say you first saw it some months ago.

A. I can only recall it wasn't in the near past, it wasn't a few days ago. It wasn't a few weeks ago. [REDACTED]

Q. Would it have been in the past six months [REDACTED]

A. Possibly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you know which officer the licence belonged to. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Apart from asking around when you saw the licence did you take any other steps to find out who it belonged to. [REDACTED]

A. No Sir [REDACTED]

Q. A preliminary enquiry in the early hours of this morning showed that the licence was stolen from the loser in the West End of London some 9 to 12 months ago. The most likely explanation at the time of its discovery was that a prisoner had been arrested by a member of your unit in possession of the stolen licence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

As far as we've been able, to date we've been unable to discover any record of such an arrest. Is there anything further you can say to assist enquiries in determining how this licence was found at Barnes Police Station. [REDACTED]

A. Unless it was handed to one of our officers found in the street I don't know of an arrest appertaining to a D/L [REDACTED]

Q. At the termination of the (Break 2.32pm Tea & toilet - 2.34pm) interview with you at 2am this morning you produced from your waist band of your own volition this police issue truncheon. (Exbt JW/10 produced) which as my memory serves me you frankly admitted having acquired at some stage of your service Can you say how long you've had this particular truncheon [REDACTED]

A. Several years five years a long time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Was that prior to your commencement
with your service with the SPG [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember now where you
got it from [REDACTED]

A. Not specifically Police truncheons
tend to disappear from locker
rooms I can only think that's
what happened. I may have
borrowed it at some time not
having had my own or
something [REDACTED]

Q. The other truncheon (JM/1 produced)
you told me was correctly issued to
you. Is that correct [REDACTED]

A. Yes Sir [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember when that was

Well I believe I may have
exchanged or received that one
from the van at some time [REDACTED]

Q. Is it correct [REDACTED] that you've been using both these truncheons on Duty ?

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. You must realize then that the seriousness of the situation occurs when a police officer takes an unauthorized truncheon on duty with him particularly in regard to an incident that occurred at Southall recently ? [REDACTED]

A. Yes Sir I do. [REDACTED]

(Produced JW/2 & JW/3
Metal truncheon & leather encased truncheon) [REDACTED]

Q. May I ask you again if you or any other police officer to your knowledge had either of these truncheons in your or their possession or aboard the carrier during your recent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

tour of duty at Southall [REDACTED]

A. Definitely not. [REDACTED]

Q. I should ask you again if this metal truncheon JW/2 (produced) was in your anorak last night for the purpose of you taking it out whilst on duty in plain clothes. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. If we can disregard your official police issue truncheon can you explain why you had three unofficial truncheons in your possession [REDACTED]

A. I had them in the way that I told you earlier [REDACTED]

DCI Do you want me to reiterate its your explanation [REDACTED]

A. I had them in the way that I told you earlier [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. What was the purpose in keeping them?

A. No reason at all you know just kept them no reason just kept them in my locker [REDACTED]

Q. In relation to the metal truncheon I think you have said that was found at a road block some time ago and that the leather encased truncheon was found aboard one of the carriers at some time [REDACTED]

A. That's correct [REDACTED]

As a serving police officer you must be aware of your responsibilities in relation to the finding of property why did you not hand these items in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. I've got not reason
I thought the leather handle
belonged to someone & waited
for someone to enquire as
to its whereabouts. [REDACTED]

Q. What were you going to do with
these truncheons [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Nothing Sir [REDACTED]

Q. I don't think we need dwell any
further on the case opener JW/6
or the crowbar JW/7 Perhaps
we could have another
look at this brass handle
JW/5. Can you tell me
what it was doing in your locker [REDACTED]

A. That again I found in one of
the vehicles when one of the
fellows loses something they
come and ask if I found it
as I say it was ages ago
I just left it there. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. I must put this to you [REDACTED] appreciate that from time to time great difficulty is experienced in gaining access to premises and it is necessary & quite proper on occasions for police to force an entry into secured premises to carry out their lawful duties or that from time to time unofficial implements like the crow bar & the case opener are employed for such purposes. In that respect I discount to some extent the seriousness of such unofficial implements but I put this to you was your role also that of the units unofficial armourer. [REDACTED]

A. I don't think I would term it as an unofficial armourer but because I cleaned the vehicles I had them I would ask if they were required if we were going [REDACTED]

to execute a warrant or search
if they would be needed for
whoever was in charge of that
operation [REDACTED]

Q. Are you referring to all of those
items [REDACTED]

A. The case opener & the crow bar
Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. My comments as to unofficial
armourer were confined to
the unofficial & unauthorized
truncheons that were found
in your locker. Did you supply
these to officers on your unit
along with case openers. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps we can move on now to the matters appertaining to the Southall demonstration, and in particular to the time when your carrier answered a call to assist another unit at the Broadway J/W Beachcroft Ave. Can you recall what carrier you were aboard at that time. [REDACTED]

A. Uniform one one [REDACTED]

Q. I know that this has been put to you on a previous occasion but I would like to put it to you again exactly who was aboard the carrier at that time [REDACTED]

A. Its my recollection that [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and I'm not sure about [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I think there was at least one other [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall if [REDACTED] was aboard the carrier at that time? [REDACTED]

A. I think he may have been [REDACTED]

Q. Was [REDACTED] aboard the carrier at that time [REDACTED]

A. Yes I think he was you mentioning him [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember as you drove from the Broadway into Beachcroft Ave whether or not your vehicle stopped [REDACTED]

A. I think the first time I stopped was Beachcroft Ave J/W with Orchard [REDACTED]

Q. I should have asked you earlier perhaps. Were you driving that vehicle [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

I should like to say that I
drove slowly the last half I caught
up with the police on foot.
and was moving slowly down [REDACTED]

Q. Was your carrier the first vehicle
to arrive at that junction [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Were you ahead of the foot police [REDACTED]

A. Alongside of them they were
either side of the carrier
mostly on the left. Some
police were on the pavement
on the left hand side of
me. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was sitting in the
Radio Operators seat on
your left. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Who was sitting behind him [REDACTED]

A. I'm not sure of the exact positions [REDACTED]

I think [REDACTED] was right at the back & I believe [REDACTED] was on the offside of the vehicle [REDACTED]

Q. As you drove down Beachcroft Can you recall hearing the noise of something stuck under the front of the vehicle [REDACTED]

A. No I can't [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain in detail if possible anything that you might have seen in front of you as you drove up to and arrived at the J/W Orchard Avenue [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. Saw Police officers on the left footpath, some with shields there were Police officers in the road who parted and I moved down to the corner with them slowly. There were some demonstrators on about the corner throwing missiles and some in the middle of the road, more in Orchard Ave and there were some others running along Orchard Avenue, running backwards a group stayed on the corner and with the other officers that were on foot the officers on my carrier got out & went towards the group on the corner and pushed them along Orchard Avenue & there

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

were some other officers by
now in Orchard Ave and
I started going forward
slowly so as not to be
in front of them and there
was a carrier behind me
that I believe stayed back
with the back officers

Q. Perhaps it would be as well
at this stage if your
last reply which was
quite lengthy was read
back

Did I say throwing missiles

JW → Answer Yes

and some of the officers had
truncheons in their hands

Q. Can we first clarify this. Did your vehicle stop right at the junction? [REDACTED]

A. Diagonally Orchard Beachcroft
Diagonally across the junction [REDACTED]

Q. Was the front of your vehicle level with the junction [REDACTED]

A. I think it was in Orchard level with the junction & I was looking up Orchard at some time [REDACTED]

Q. So you were just into the junction [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. I like you to remember if you can which officers disembarked & from what doors at that Junction [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] out of the
N S F door
some got out of the side
passenger door & I don't
know if anyone got out of the
back door [REDACTED]

Q. Referring to the side passenger
door would that be on the
nearside of the vehicle [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any of the
officers disembark from
your vehicle carrying a
truncheon [REDACTED]

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you see any officers disembark from your vehicle carrying anything other than a truncheon

A. I'm not sure if anyone took out a shield

Q. Do you recall seeing [redacted] & [redacted] from 3 unit struggling with a prisoner in Beachcroft Ave

A. No I don't recall that

Q. From what you have said is your recollection that the officers from your carrier disembarked at the same time that foot police had arrived at the scene at that junction

A. Yes

Q. You mentioned earlier that on leaving the carrier some of the officers from that carrier were pushing the demonstrators round that corner into Orchard Ave. Is that correct [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Who were those officers [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] & wasn't sure whether [REDACTED] was there [REDACTED]

Q. I must put this to you why on earth didn't you say this earlier? [REDACTED]

A. You reminded me of [REDACTED] because he sits in the back He's a quiet person you sort of don't remember he's there [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

& you reminded me of [REDACTED]

Q. Are you now quite certain
in your mind that on
disembarking from that carrier

[REDACTED]
& [REDACTED] were on that
left hand corner pushing
people round into Orchard
Avenue. [REDACTED]

A. I'm sure that all the crew
got out [REDACTED]

Q. That doesn't quite answer the
question [REDACTED]

A. You say.
You say those four officers [REDACTED]

A. The reason I can't remember
about [REDACTED] although
he was posted to our
carrier I had seen him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

on another carrier during the course of the evening and I'm not sure at what stage that was. I knew he was posted to mine and I was looking for him & I would make sure he was about [REDACTED]

Q. I must put this to you again
Is it now to your recollection that on leaving the carrier [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] were on that left hand corner of Beachcroft J/W Orchard Ave pushing demonstrators round into Orchard Ave.

A. Having got out I can't remember where exactly each one went they [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

went forwards of me
not to the rear of me
If one of them crossed over
I don't know to my
recollection they were on
the corner. [REDACTED]

Q. They would have been
on the nearside of your
vehicle. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. What did you see those
officers do. [REDACTED]

A. As they were going towards
the crowd I believe
I was moving off towards
Orchard towards the
corner the crowd was
moving back as I
moved forward &
I moved past those [REDACTED]

Q. How long do you think you stopped at the junction of Orchard Ave [REDACTED]

A. ~~30 seconds~~ No more than a minute
a very short time [REDACTED]

Q. Can you explain again what you saw there [REDACTED]

A. Moving with the other officers that were on foot towards & come up against the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. Where were the demonstrators [REDACTED]

A. On the corner & more in Orchard at the J/W Beachcroft that was the main group [REDACTED]

Q. What were those officers doing [REDACTED]

A. Pushing them back do you mean the officers out of my carrier? A. Yes Pushing them back I can't say I see what each specific officer was doing they were pushing them forward [REDACTED]

Q. This is extremely important. as it would appear from enquiries we have made and what you have said in relation to where you stopped in that junction that the deceased Blair PEACH was struck on the head by a Police Officer a matter of SIX feet or so from the front nearside of your vehicle [REDACTED]

Did you see any police officer strike anyone at that location [REDACTED]

A. No. I was also looking along Orchard Ave & I definitely didn't see any striking of anybody [REDACTED]

Q. From the angle that you parked your vehicle you must have been looking directly along Orchard Avenue and the incident relating to PEACH as I've described to you must have been within your view "A". I didn't see it. [REDACTED]

Q. Whilst parked at that junction did you leave the carrier [REDACTED]

A. To my recollection No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It would only to have been
to shut a door but I
don't recall leaving the vehicle [REDACTED]

Q. Its right that I should tell

you again that a witness
has stated that at some
stage whilst the vehicle
was parked at that location
it was empty. Can you recall
leaving the vehicle at all
at that time [REDACTED]

A. It's because you & [REDACTED]
have told me that a
witness has said this that
if I had got out it would
only been to have shut
a door which happens
quite often at demonstrations
and you would have to
shut a door before you move
off. My recollection is that I
didn't get out [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. I must put this to you
Do you recall seeing [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] with
a prisoner quite near to
the J/W Orchard Avenue [REDACTED]

A. No I recall the first time
I saw [REDACTED] was
when he got in the front
of the carrier at the
other end of Orchard Ave
near Herbert Road [REDACTED]

Q. Did either [REDACTED] or
[REDACTED] put a prisoner
aboard your carrier whilst
the carrier was parked at
Orchard Ave J/W Beachcroft [REDACTED]

A. Not to my knowledge although
you've told me this before
I cannot recall them getting
in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. You said I believe that [REDACTED] boarded the carrier at the other end of Orchard Ave. That was quite close to Herbert Road was it not [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Was a prisoner put aboard the carrier at that time [REDACTED]

A. I'm not sure 'Cause we moved around after we moved back to the Broadway & I think [REDACTED] rejoined his unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall seeing [REDACTED] being aboard your carrier at any time [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Having driven down Beachcroft Ave and stopped as you have said for aprox 30 seconds at the J/W Orchard Ave Is it correct that you went to the far end of Orchard Ave where you parked up for some minutes [REDACTED]

A. Minutes. It would only have been minutes [REDACTED]

Q. You then drove back along Orchard Ave right into Beachcroft and back to the Broadway [REDACTED]

A. Yes. The carrier that had been behind me was reversing back in front of me [REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall having any prisoners aboard your carrier at any time in the Beachcroft or Orchard Ave vicinity [REDACTED]

A. I don't recall having a prisoner unless [REDACTED] got out at the same time as [REDACTED] got out with a prisoner the carrier was quite full on that return journey [REDACTED]

Q. Can you remember what happened to [REDACTED] once he disembarked from the carrier in Beachcroft Ave J/W Orchard Ave [REDACTED]

A. The next time I saw him was at the other end of Orchard Ave [REDACTED]

when he came up and got
in alongside [REDACTED]
thats in the front of the
vehicle [REDACTED]

Q. Did either of them say anything [REDACTED]

A. No I believe I was
instructed to go back
thats why I went back
by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. When did you next see
[REDACTED] once he'd disembarked
at the junction [REDACTED]

A. I can only be sure the
next time I saw him was
at the other end of Orchard
Ave when everybody
got back on board [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. Can you say when you next saw [REDACTED] after he had disembarked. [REDACTED]

A. We collected up our unit in both carriers at the other end of Orchard Ave and the carrier was much fuller than when I arrived and it was back at the Broadway that I'm sure [REDACTED] I know definitely got out to rejoin his unit & I think some others got out of the back I'm not sure tended to return to normality [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q. 4.9pm Break. Tea supplied - 4.24pm [REDACTED]

Can you recall shortly after you parked at Beachcroft Ave at the J/W Orchard ave hearing [REDACTED] shout "Put him in here" and then assisting [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] to put a prisoner aboard the carrier at that location [REDACTED]

A. I don't recall hearing him saying anything or doing what you said putting the prisoner in [REDACTED]

Q. Perhaps we can go back through this once more as its very important what did you see [REDACTED] doing & going when he got out of the carrier [REDACTED]

A. I last saw him going towards the group of demonstrators [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where was that main group of demonstrators ? [REDACTED]

A. It was the main group on the corner of Beachcroft & Orchard Ave [REDACTED]

Q. Would that group have been immediately on the corner [REDACTED]

A. On the corner but more towards Orchard Ave at the mouth at the junction [REDACTED]

Q. Was this immediately he left the vehicle [REDACTED]

A. He was going towards them as he left the vehicle I was looking at around the demonstrators in the road in case missiles were thrown [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. This is a photocopy of a plan depicting part of the Broadway Beachcroft Ave & Orchard Ave. Exhibit labelled LS/1 So that we can understand

easier what you are saying could you draw on that plan where your vehicle was parked on the J/W Orchard Ave.

Vehicle marked as 'A' [REDACTED]

Would you now draw on that plan the group of demonstrators that [REDACTED] went towards when he left the carrier. [REDACTED]

They had retreated a few feet as we got near them they had been facing us as we came down they were facing us and they finished up as I have drawn them

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

would you mark that group of
demonstrators as B

Plan marked B [REDACTED]

Q. Having drawn that can you confirm
that on leaving the carrier [REDACTED]
went directly towards the demonstrators
marked B. [REDACTED]

A. Yes he was going towards
them as he left the carrier [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] do likewise [REDACTED]

A. I think so. [REDACTED]

Q. And [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Yes Likewise [REDACTED]

Q. And [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Yeah I think so [REDACTED]

Q. Is it correct that you do
not recall seeing [REDACTED]
at that location [REDACTED]

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A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say how many people
the demonstrators at the
junction consisted of [REDACTED]

A. Some had run back as
we approached leaving the
main group leaving
some 15/20 I'm not sure
It was some as I said before
in the centre on the other side
and around the group [REDACTED]

Q. Do you recall seeing any white
people amongst that group
of demonstrators [REDACTED]

A. I think there was some white
people & coloureds [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Have you seen any photographs of the late Blair Beach in the newspapers since his death. [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing him with that group of demonstrators marked B on the plan LS/1 [REDACTED]

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Do you remember seeing anyone lying on the pavement where you've drawn the group of demonstrators B on the plan [REDACTED]

A. No I don't [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q Put
Did you see my police officer
assaulting any of the demonstrators
that you've depicted at B
on the plan [REDACTED]

A. No. I didn't [REDACTED]

Q. Did you leave the leave
the vehicle & assault
anyone yourself [REDACTED]

A. No definitely not [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] do you know of
any police officer who
assaulted anyone at that
location [REDACTED]

A. No Sir No [REDACTED]

Q From what you've told us
today from this very long
interview you have been
far more forthright about
what you have had to say
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

about what took place in
Beachcroft Ave [REDACTED]

A. I've been thinking about it
~~hard to recollect but without~~
confusing myself you know
if I thought about it too hard
I'd get confused. Can I
add that at all times I've
told you & your colleagues everything
that I can remember [REDACTED]

Break 4.46pm - 4.48pm

Q. There are one or two matters that
my colleague wishes to put to you
have either of you any objections

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 4.49pm

Q. There are first one or two points
[REDACTED] that I'd like to
clear up
The first you will recall
that you have been asked
if there was cone
underneath the vehicle
when you went [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

down beachcroft Ave I know
that you have said that there
was not but I must say
that very many witnesses including
Police Officers all state that
there was a cone under
it could you be mistaken. [REDACTED]

A. I don't know that there was
a cone I don't that there
was a cone under the
front of the vehicle I've
been asked this before &
I can't recall [REDACTED]

Q. One other point arising at
about that time concerning
the position of [REDACTED]
in the carrier you
said today that he was
in the offside seat
previously you said that he [REDACTED]

was in the front nearside
seat behind [REDACTED]
which is the truth. [REDACTED]

A. Can't recall. I can recall
him being in that offside
seat at sometime & this
continual recalling I'm
getting confused. Think
hard at it theres an
element of doubt in my
own mind comes in [REDACTED]

Q. What now is your recollection if
you have one [REDACTED]

A. Today my recollection is that
he was on the offside. People
tend to sit in different places
during the course of the
day and think this is
where I may be confused
from time to time [REDACTED]

Q In your original statement you stated that you passed Police Officers in Beachcroft Ave just down from the J/W the Broadway Is that correct [REDACTED]

A. Yes I think yes [REDACTED]

Q. You also stated that when you stopped at the bottom just after you stopped Police officers arrived to your right. Thats correct?

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Although you were undoubtedly asked because of course that is the important part of the proceedings or incident you made no mention in your original statement of Police Officers other than those from your own carrier being to the left of your vehicle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. I think I did [REDACTED]

Q. What is [REDACTED]

A. That there were Police officers on the left on the pavement & on the road. Those on the road parted and I moved down to the junction with them at a slower speed there were some demonstrators in the No through road to the right [REDACTED]

Q. None of your colleagues on uniform one one say that there were other Police Officers present initially [REDACTED]

A. At the corner ? [REDACTED]
My recollection is that there were. On the pavement the main body & one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

or two in the road [REDACTED]

Q. With regard to your officers you have stated today that you didn't see any with truncheons. Is that correct? [REDACTED]

A. I said I didn't see any get out with truncheons [REDACTED]

Q. That makes it clearer. I was surprised because virtually all of them say that they had their truncheons drawn coming to the actual incident at the junction. You have described and marked on the plan where the van was parked & where the demonstrators were you have also described how [REDACTED] & other Officers got out of the carrier & went to the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Thats correct yes. [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did all the officers get out
the side door [REDACTED]

A. That I'm not sure. I believe I
stated that earlier today [REDACTED]

Q. Is the back door or doors
normally locked during
demonstrations [REDACTED]

A. No. But the bolt is fitted so
that it should be locked from
the inside, and the last
one to go out through the
side door but this does not
always happen [REDACTED]

Q. You described how [REDACTED]
went from the van to the
demonstrators what did
you see him do. [REDACTED]

A. I think he paused, looked [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

at the other officers getting out
then I believe he turned back towards
the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. By the marking on your plan
you could have only been
or the N/S of your van could
only have been a matter
of some feet from the
demonstrators [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. How many feet would you
estimate [REDACTED]

A. Perhaps 10 or 12 feet [REDACTED]

Q. When [REDACTED] got out of the
van did he get out quickly [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Did the other officers get out
quickly [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q Did [REDACTED] initially go right to the demonstrators [REDACTED]

A. He looked back at our carrier & I think the one behind & then I think he turned to face the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. How far was he from the demonstrators when he turned to look back [REDACTED]

A. He was I think about a pace away from the carrier I believe having closed the door. I believe in one movement closing the door and making sure the rest were following [REDACTED]

Q. Was he the first officer to get out of the carrier [REDACTED]

A. I think so by virtue of being allong side me [REDACTED]

he would be the first one I
could see move [REDACTED]

Q. After he had momentarily
stopped what did he do then [REDACTED]

A. Turned to face the demonstrators
I think [REDACTED]

Q. And what did he do [REDACTED]

A. I'm not sure. I the
whole time I was looking
about me and I
can only assume that
he went with the P.C.s
to the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. At that time he would have
only been a couple of paces
away from the demonstrators [REDACTED]

A. I would think so [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Where were the other officers
in relation to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. I think they would have been
on the kerb side of him
as he was only one pace
away approximately as he
got out and turned [REDACTED]

Q. In relation to the
demonstrators were the PC's
nearer to them or was
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. One would be slightly
nearer. The vehicle being
at an angle I think
the others would be parrallel
to the kerb line with him [REDACTED]

Q. When you say would be
do you mean one was [REDACTED]

A. I can only answer that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

from the position & the position
of the carrier and the side
door being open. [REDACTED]

Q. I'm not asking you to make
assumptions I'm asking you
regarding this serious
matter to tell me what
you actually saw. [REDACTED]

A. I cannot say how the officers
were positioned by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. You've just described quite
clearly how you saw
[REDACTED] you have also
said that you saw the
other officers that you've
named & I'd like you
to think carefully
and try to remember
where the other officers were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

in relation to [REDACTED]

A. I last saw at least the first two getting out of our carrier alongside him by the carrier open door. That's all [REDACTED]

Q. You were still on the vehicle at that time [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Without doubt [REDACTED]

A. I'm sure I was [REDACTED]

Q. Who were those two officers [REDACTED]

A. I don't know they were backs to me as they got out [REDACTED]

Q. How do you know that the officers that you named were there then [REDACTED]

A. They were in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

carrier the officers that
I'd named and would
be the ones to get out. [REDACTED]

Q. Yes I accept that
but you've said that you saw
in that small area
by the demonstrators that
you've marked 'B'
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
Yes? [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Take for e.g. [REDACTED]
Where did you see
him? [REDACTED]

A. I believe they all got
out of the carrier
I did not pay attention
to them as individuals [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

to note that one was here
and one was there in a
specific place [REDACTED]

Q. Can you say where any
of them were other than
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Not specifically [REDACTED]

Q. But they were all in
the area marked 'B' on
the plan [REDACTED]

A. Yes between the carrier
& the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. You've said that there
were some 15 or 20
demonstrators on the
corner what did they
do when the officers
[REDACTED]

went towards them [REDACTED]

A. They stayed still the majority and one or two left at the back [REDACTED]

Q. What happened then [REDACTED]

A. Some officers were now in front of me not necessarily from my unit and moving towards the demonstrators in the road and on the other pavement and it was about this time that I went up behind and come level with the one that had been furthest away from me. [REDACTED]

Q. One what [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. Demonstrators & one officer [REDACTED]

Q. Who was that [REDACTED]

A. I don't know. [REDACTED]

Q. Just going back where did the 15 or 20 demonstrators go. [REDACTED]

A. They were still on the corner when I had passed them [REDACTED]

Q. Had your officers not moved them [REDACTED]

A. The officers rejoined me [REDACTED]

Q. Before that [REDACTED]

A. They hadn't moved off before I had gone past them [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

there was some shouting
by the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. What were the officers doing [REDACTED]

A. Trying to push them &
disperse them along Orchard
Ave. [REDACTED]

Q. How were they trying to
disperse them [REDACTED]

A. Pushing them [REDACTED]

Q. Physically [REDACTED]

A. I think so [REDACTED]
They were face to
face close contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Q Is that all you officers
face to face [REDACTED]

A. They were other officers
as well as those from
my unit [REDACTED]

Q. Would you explain slightly
more you said there
was physical contact [REDACTED]

A. As they become face to
face I was moving
forward to the officers
that were past the
main group dealing with
the odd ones & twos
in the road [REDACTED]

Q. Who had told you to
move off [REDACTED]

A. No one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q I'm sorry to be difficult
but you will appreciate the
importance of my question.
You said earlier that
you parked at the junction
for some $\frac{1}{2}$ a minute
to a minute. What did
you see your officers
do in that time [REDACTED]

A. Get out of the carrier
and start to move with
the officers on the pavement
towards the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. But it is only a question
of some 3 paces to the
demonstrators. One
would assume that
having seen them [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

start to run to them even
if you were only there
for half a minute you
would have seen them
arrive at them. [REDACTED]

A. I didn't continually watch
my officers. I was also
looking up Orchard
Ave and to my right
where there were one or
two officers and one or
two demonstrators in
the cul de sac part
of Orchard Ave [REDACTED]

Q. But in the space of 3 or 4
yards you must have
seen your officers arrive
at the demonstrators. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A. When I moved off along Orchard Ave the Police including officers from my carrier were close up & face to face with the demonstrators [REDACTED]

Q. What were the demonstrators doing when the van first stopped at the junction [REDACTED]

A. On the corner and just moving back a pace or two and stayed still at the point I have marked B on the plan [REDACTED]

Q. Were they hostile in any way [REDACTED]

A. They were shouting & waving their hands & fists and had thrown [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

missiles as we had driven
down Beachcroft Ave [REDACTED]

Q. Were there any missiles being
thrown at that stage [REDACTED]

A. Not that I can recall [REDACTED]

Q. I appreciate that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] this may
have some bearing on what
you are saying. Did you not
see him hit a demonstrator [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Could you qualify that.
Did you see him hit any body [REDACTED]

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. You've been asked about
you're own movements at
that junction inspite the fact
that you have been
told that an officer has said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

that you're carrier was empty at one point what is your recollection? [REDACTED]

A. I can only recall that I stayed in the carrier. We went to many situations where groups of demonstrators were dispersed and sometimes when the officers had left the carrier I would have to get out and close the doors I cannot recall getting out at the junction. I may have done. It was one of many situations that day [REDACTED]

Q. If you didn't get out is it not a fact that you would have had a better view of what occurred at that junction than almost any other person [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A. Yes but I was looking
around me and moved
off in the carrier
whilst the main demonstrators
were still on this corner [REDACTED]

5.46pm [REDACTED]

DSW Would you please read the questions
and answers as contemporaneously
recorded by me. You may
add, alter or correct anything
you wish. Would you please
initial each answer & sign the
bottom of each page [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Interview recorded on 70 SEVENTY Pages
concluded at 7.15pm,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CIB(2)
6.6.79 7.15p.

7.6.79 Rochester Row Police Station
Room no.

Interview commenced 4.22pm
terminated

Conducted by : [REDACTED]
Assisted by : [REDACTED]
persons present : [REDACTED]
person interviewed : [REDACTED]

DCI SILK

The reason I want to see you
again [REDACTED] is to put one
or two matters to you again
and to give you the opportunity
if you wish to add or detract
from anything you have told
me previously. I must remind
you you are still under
caution [REDACTED].
Would you look at the metal
truncheon JW/2 (produced) [REDACTED]

you've already given an account of how you became possessed of this and if my memory serves me your explanation was that you had found this in the street following a road block some two years or so ago. Is that correct

A. That is correct.

Q. I've got reason to believe that what you said about that is not true and the truth is that you brought this truncheon back with you to this country from one of your trips to America. Is what I've said true?

A. It is.

Q. Would you now care to tell me exactly how you came to be in possession of this truncheon?

A. It was given to me by a police officer in America as a souvenir along with a uniform cap. He have me several other badges of their police force as well. [REDACTED]

Q. Can I ask you who that Officer was. [REDACTED]

A. Rank I don't know now [REDACTED] I think [REDACTED]

Q. Where was he stationed. [REDACTED]

A. Nassau County Long Island & that was in 1969. [REDACTED]

Q. Was this an IPA Tour [REDACTED]

A. It was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. Can you recall who organised that tour? [REDACTED]

A. It was done nationally from the EPA office from Nottingham [REDACTED]

Q. Can I ask you why you lied to me? [REDACTED]

A. The fact that I shouldn't have had it and I'd had it so long. To me it was a souvenir of that visit along with the other things he had given me. [REDACTED]

Q. Don't you consider that what you now tell me is the truth of the matter is a far more reasonable explanation than the one you gave me earlier. [REDACTED]

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. How many other truncheons have you brought back from America. [REDACTED]

A. No others. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you ever used this truncheon in connection with your Police Duties. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. To your knowledge
was this truncheon a
standard police issue
in America [REDACTED]

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Was it new when it was
given to you? [REDACTED]

A. It was given to me
like that because it was
unserviceable. [REDACTED]

Q. Have you brought any
more truncheons like
this back to the
country. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q.

I'd like to go now straight back to the Southall incident, and in particular to the time that your carrier answered the call to assistance to Beecheroff Avenue.

At one stage yesterday you told me that your carrier stopped at the J/W Orchard Ave and you marked on a plan IS/1 where your carrier had stopped. Perhaps you'd first look at the plan to refresh your memory.

(Produced) [REDACTED]

You also drew on that plan & marked B where the demonstrators were standing on that [REDACTED]

corner. You said that
as soon as the vehicle
stopped [REDACTED] &
other officers disembarked
and pushed the demonstrators
round the corner. Do
you remember saying
that? [REDACTED]

A. I think they were moving
towards them they hadn't
met them till the corner. [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] & the other
officers push the demonstrators
round the corner. [REDACTED]

A. My recollection is
that they were facing us
from Orchard Avenue as
we pulled up. They were
moving back of on their
own a little and there
were some officers on [REDACTED]

the pavement who were
not part of our unit [REDACTED]

Q. Did [REDACTED] & the
other officers push the
demonstrators round the
corner? [REDACTED]

A. My recollection is that
as I pulled up they
were facing towards
us on the corner from Orchard
Ave in line with the
front edge garden [REDACTED]

Q. You haven't answered the
question [REDACTED]
Did you see [REDACTED]
& the other officers pushing
those demonstrators round the
corner. [REDACTED]

A. My recollection is that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

when [REDACTED] & the others got out the crowd had moved round the corner partly by their own devise and on the approach of the officers on the pavement. I am sure that as [REDACTED] got out those people were around the corner [REDACTED]

Q. Can answer you to answer with a yes or a no whether [REDACTED] or any of the officers from your carrier were pushing the demonstrators round the corner. [REDACTED]

A. No. [REDACTED]

Q. Then why did you say yesterday that you had seen them [REDACTED]

A.

I believe I said on the corner I drew on the plan that the people were in line with the end of the garden. [REDACTED]

Q.

I'd like to read to you a question that I put to you yesterday. Sorry would you correct that. I like to read to you the relevant part of an answer that you made yesterday [REDACTED]

"A group stayed on the corner and with the other officers that were on foot the officers on my carrier got out and went towards the group on the corner and pushed them along Orchard Avenue Was part of that answer not correct? [REDACTED]

A.

That was correct [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Who did you see pushing demonstrators round the corner [REDACTED]

A. There were officers on foot approaching the group a few yards before we stopped as I stopped the officers on foot were moving towards the crowd & close to the crowd they were moving back and stopped in a line across the pavement. It was in the short time of stopping that the officers from my carrier were joining those on the pavement. [REDACTED]

Q. I put this directly to you [REDACTED] Much of what you told me yesterday about what you say happened [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

from the time that you
got the call and
arriving at the junction
I accept as the truth
of the matter. What you
said greatly enlarged
on what you had said
in a previous statement
particularly with regard
to the identity of the officers
that were aboard your
carrier at that time
and I recall commenting
at that stage "Why on
earth didn't you say
this earlier". However I do
not accept for one moment
that what you've said about
what happened after the
officers disembarked is
any where near the truth
of the matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

and I put it to you
that you are prevaricating
in order to frustrate
the identification of the officer
that killed Blair PEACE.
Is that correct? [REDACTED]

A. In my position now
I wouldn't be protecting
anyone and thats the
truth. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you strike the blow
that killed Blair PEACE [REDACTED]

A. Most definitely not [REDACTED]

Q. Who did [REDACTED]

A. I have absolutely no idea. [REDACTED]

Q. Theres one other thing
I should have covered, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In relation to the other items that were found in your locker.

Were the explanations that you gave me in

relation to those items excluding the metal truncheon JW/2 which were already discussed correct? [REDACTED]

A. They were [REDACTED]

Q. When [REDACTED] & the officers got out of the carrier and either went to or stood in front of that group of demonstrators on the corner did you see what happened to them by that I mean in which direction they went [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A.

They were still mainly intact as I moved past them as I was driving along Orchard Ave and waiting at the end that demonstrators passed me and some went through an alley and some went into Herbert Road and they were in ones and twos. It was at this point that police officers began getting back into the carrier. [REDACTED]

Q.

Whilst parked at that junction your carrier was within ten feet or so of where you say the demonstrators were standing and you told us that [REDACTED] & other officers got out of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

the carrier & stood facing them. If that is correct why did you drive off & leave them? [REDACTED]

A.

I moved off to support the police that had gone past the main body of demonstrators leaving the carrier behind me with them and thats why I waited at the other end of Orchard Avenue for them to catch up. [REDACTED]

Q.

Witnesses have said and this includes officers from your own carrier that the time your carrier arrived at that junction the foot police were still some distance up Beachcroft Ave and that the officers [REDACTED]

aboard your carrier were the first to arrive at that junction. Do you still say that what you say is the truth of the matter. [REDACTED]

A. I am certain that there were officers on the pavement in line with me as I pulled up [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] the driver of the second carrier has said that she did not arrive at that junction for some time and on her arrival the junction was clear and that she did not see your carrier until she pulled up near where you were parked at the other end of Orchard Ave

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Is [redacted] wrong about that? [redacted]

A. I saw the second carrier behind me or I would not have moved past the demonstrators & left [redacted] and the others unaided by a vehicle at various times [redacted] and [redacted] took it in turns to drive that carrier I don't know who was driving of the two to that location. [redacted]

Q. Did any officers board your carrier before you had parked at the other end of Orchard Ave. [redacted]

A. Not to my recollection in spite of what you and your colleagues have [redacted]

told me about [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]

Q.

I think that concludes
all that I went to
put to you [REDACTED]
Is there anything
further that you
want to say to
me? [REDACTED]

A.

Only I realize my
stupidity in respect of that
truncheon. It can only
serve to harm me when
in fact at all times I've
tried to help you. That's it. [REDACTED]

DSW

I would like you to read
the question & answers
as recorded. If you agree
with them would you please
initial each question &
answer & sign the bottom
of each page. You may [REDACTED]

add alter or correct
anything you wish

5.17pm

read & initialled each
question & answer, interview
recorded on 21 TWENTY ONE
Sheets of paper and I witnessed
his signature. GIB(2)
7.6.79 5.43pm

(Tea 5.41pm)

5.44pm

In respect of page 4 my
second answer. I would
add I was a lot younger
then and would probably not
have brought it back from
America

DCI

The caution still applies

5.45pm.

When the officers reboarded the
carrier at the end of
Orchard Ave did you hear
any conversation by or between
those officers.

A. I Could hear no distinct conversation and in normal working conditions it is still almost impossible to hear a conversation unless it is in louder tone for you to hear as the driver at the front of the vehicle. [REDACTED]

Interview now recorded on TWENTY-TWO
22 Pages

[REDACTED] GIB(2)
5.50pm 7.6.79
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Interview of: [REDACTED]

No 1 unit S.P.G. (TN)

by: [REDACTED]

at: Southall Police Station

on: Wednesday 25th April 1979

Present ;
Commenced
Terminated
D.C.I.

[REDACTED]
2.37 p.m.

3.10 p.m.

'Enquiries are being made into the circumstances

surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 51

who it is alleged received an injury to the head on

Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this

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

you understand.?'

A. Yes Sir. [REDACTED]

A.

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

A. Yes Sir [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 unit [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. [REDACTED] was in the carrier on U11
There wasn't a skipper on the carrier. [REDACTED]

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

A. I'm not sure of the exact time but the
rough location was Uxbridge Road and
3 unit was being attacked. [REDACTED]

Q. When you went were you in convoy?

A. 11 was in front and there was definitely
another carrier behind us. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
1461

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Q. Did you have protective shields?

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

Q. DID you have your truncheon drawn?

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. We were travelling East in the Broadway and at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue there were about three carriers in the middle of the road and a lot of demonstrators milling about. We turned into Beechcroft Avenue and something hit the windscreen & bounced off. [REDACTED] was driving at the time. There was quite a large group of demonstrators who ran down Beechcroft Avenue. We all bailed out at the bottom half of Beechcroft Avenue I chased two demonstrators who turned right into Orchard Avenue the cul-de-sac. The turned right into a small back yard and I saw the disappearing down an alley. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

R1123

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

A. Not Put

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

A. Not put



Q. Describe what happened in that situation at the bottom of Orchard Avenue ?

A. I gave up trying to catch them. I then walked back to the corner with Beechcroft Avenue. It was relatively quiet so I walked back to the Broadway. There was no sign of my carrier so I got into another 1 unit carrier and transferred to Uniform 11 a couple of minutes later. [REDACTED]

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9.

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.

No

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A.

No

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. No When I went out of the carrier I went my own way. I didn't see where anyone else went. [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED]
By [REDACTED] GIB 2
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 6.42 p.m.
finished at 6.44 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. Barnes at 2.00 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. No But I was late for parade [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

P1131 Q. Did you produce that truncheon after duty on 23rd April 1979

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]
Exhibit number .EM/122.....

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Barnes Police Station
..... 1 Unit Special Patrol Group

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

Dated the 25th day of April, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Monday, 25th April 1979, I was on duty with 'one' unit SPG. I was on a carrier call sign 'Uniform-one-one'. In the evening, I do not know what time, I remember a call being received from 'three unit' that they were being attacked by demonstrators. I do not know where we were at that time but we came out down The Broadway towards the Town Hall. [REDACTED] was driving the carrier. [REDACTED] was on board, possibly in the front passenger seat. I was in one of the seats in the back. During the course of the day some people on the carrier had gone with prisoners and from time to time we had picked up other SPG Officers so the original crew had changed, or at least depleted, and I cannot remember who was on the carrier at that time. As we approached the junction with Northcote Avenue and Beechcroft Avenue. (end of original page 1.) ... there were two or three

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED] 1474

*Delete as applicable.

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

Continuation of statement of [redacted] 2.

carriers in the middle of the road, in the junction. I was in the first carrier to approach that scene and another carrier was behind us, I think it was a 'one' unit carrier. The two-tone horns were going and I think the lights were on. As we approached I saw some demonstrators, a mixture of white and Asian, on the south side to the entrance of Beechcroft Avenue. I did not notice the other side, that is the north side. There were Police Officers about near to the carriers in the road. I do not remember much about them. We turned right into Beechcroft Avenue, that is towards the demonstrators, and they started running. They ran south down Beechcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. As we turned the corner we got a brick or something on the windscreen of the vehicle. We drove straight on down Beechcroft Avenue and stopped in the bottom half of Beechcroft Avenue. I am not exactly sure where. I have looked at a map and I think that the carrier stopped somewhere between number 13 Beechcroft Avenue and the junction with Orchard Avenue. I am not sure whether the carrier actually stopped then but I actually bailed out. I could have done so whilst the carrier was still moving. I did not see the carrier again until I saw it later at The Broadway. I do not know whether anyone got out before or after me. I may have got out the back door. I do not think that anyone got out at the top (end of original page 2.) of Beechcroft Avenue, that is near The Broadway. When I got out the demonstrators were scattering. They were running away in all directions. I saw a white young lad with short blonde hair and another fellow running down Orchard Avenue towards the cul-de-sac

Signed [redacted] Signature witnessed by [redacted] 1475

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED] 3.....

I chased after them. They went into a yard at the end, over a fence, and down an alley. I gave up the chase at this point. There were other Police Officers about who had run in the same direction as me. I half climbed the fence, decided it was hopeless, and came back out. I did not notice any aggravation at this point. There were people about, but none running. There were Police Officers about, some walking back with me towards Beechcroft Avenue and then up Beechcroft. The other Officers I did not recognise but then I had only been with the SPG for a couple of months and would not recognise all the other SPG unit Officers. I did not notice anyone sitting down or flat out. There were some residents who had come out into their front gardens, but I did not pay much attention. I walked back up Beechcroft Avenue and got on another 'one' unit carrier at the junction with The Broadway. That carrier was actually in The Broadway. From the time that I got out of my carrier I never saw any of the others from my carrier until I got back to the Uxbridge Road. I did not have a shield with me. I do not know whether any others from my carrier took a shield but it is unlikely because when you are chasing people you do not want a shield (end of original page 3.)... because it is heavy. It all happened very quickly and we had not received any instructions from the Inspector. As the carrier slowed down we just all bailed out. I no time did I ever see a line of Police with shield at or near to Beechcroft Avenue. We had paraded at Barnes earlier that day and our appointments had not been inspected. On the SPG we are trusted over such matters.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1476

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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]

I was late for the parade so appointments may have been checked before I got there. I did not draw my truncheon at all that day at Southall. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth).....
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number.....

This statement,* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 27th day of April, 1979.

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

On Monday 23rd April 1979 at Southall, I was on duty. I have been asked about any incident at Beechcroft Road and Orchard Avenue at about 8 pm that evening. The carrier I was on drove along Broadway and turned right into Beechcroft Avenue. [redacted] was driving, [redacted] as on the carrier and other police officers on the carrier but I can't remember exactly who. As we turned the corner into Beechcroft Avenue a brick or something similar hit the windscreen of the carrier. The carrier slowed down but I don't think it stopped, and drove to the bottom half of Beechcroft Avenue. I don't think we had reached the junction with Orchard Avenue. I think I got out, out of the back and saw two males running in Orchard Avenue and I ran

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

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

after them. I think other police officers were with me but I don't know who. I ran into a yard at the end of Orchard Avenue but they had climbed over a fence and I started to climb over but decided not to go any further.

I did not have my truncheon out but I had it with me. I then walked back up Orchard Avenue and up Beechcroft Avenue and got into another 'one' unit carrier. After a few seconds I saw '11' carrier and went and got in it.

[REDACTED] must have been the driver but I am not sure who the other policemen were in it. I did not see anyone arrested in Beechcroft Avenue and I did not see anyone lying on the ground. I did not see any police officer with his truncheon in his hand at that place. When we first turned around the corner into Beechcroft there were a number of people there and when we arrived they ran away.

At that place I did not see any arrest or anyone struggling with a policeman. After the brick in the windscreen I cannot recall any missile being thrown. When I retraced my steps back along Orchard Avenue, it was relatively quiet at the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. I did not notice if people were in their doorways. The day after, I was at Court at Staines in the morning with a handling case and the rest of the day I was time off. I was at Court with

[REDACTED] Special Patrol Group at Barnes. On Wednesday I was due to be late-turn but brought in earlier and [REDACTED] drove me to Southall after

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of.....

dropping [REDACTED] off at Acton.

I feel I must have learned about the man dying at Southall in the news. There is nothing else I know respecting the matter at Beecheroff Road. When we turned into Beecheroff from the Broadway I think [REDACTED] was in the front operator's seat next to [REDACTED] the driver. We slowed down on the corner and I do not think we stopped, and drove at a speed to catch the crowd up. It was most of the way down Orchard Avenue that I got out of the carrier and it was there that I got the impression that the rest of the officers then got out. If there was a direction given by [REDACTED] as to what we were to do when we got out of the carrier, I never heard it. My object in chasing the two men along Orchard Avenue was to search them and question them about what they were doing. I never saw those persons as persons who had thrown the brick. After the brick hit the windscreen I never saw any violent behaviour by any person in the crowd or a policeman assaulting anyone. If it was a policeman who struck Mr PEACH I have no knowledge or information as to who it was.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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

Statement of.....
Age of Witness (Date of Birth).....
Occupation of Witness.....
Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to no. 1 Unit,
Special Patrol Group,
Barnes.

This statement,* consisting of 9 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 17th day of May 1979.

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

I am attached to no. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group based at Barnes.
In charge of the unit is and the three Sergeants
are and We are not permanently attached to
a particular carrier but We
also operate a partner system, mine is
partners partners and
partners On Monday 23rd April, 1979 all the
above named P.C.'s were posted to U.11, being the driver
and the operator. We paraded for duty at Barnes at 2pm
..... was not present at parade but joined us later. We
left Barnes and went to Feltham for operational feeding. I can't
remember where I sat on the way there but I believe it was in one of
the back seats. I can't remember where anyone else was sitting
other than of course and who was in

Signed..... Signature witnessed by..... 1431
*Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

the front nearside seat behind [REDACTED]. Whilst we were in the canteen at Feltham we could hear calls for urgent assistance on the radio and we realised that it was going to be a busy day. We finished feeding at about 3.30pm and were told to go to a road near [REDACTED] to the police station to meet [REDACTED] for instructions. On the way, we heard a call for urgent assistance from another SPG Unit somewhere in the Broadway all three carriers were together and we went to the call. When we arrived it was all quiet, so we went to the original destination where we met [REDACTED] who instructed us to go on a general patrol I believe north of the Police Station. It had previously been pouring down with rain but I think it had stopped at this stage. We patrolled for about half an hour and then went to the area near Park View Road. We went up Park View Road turned round and came back and parked with our nose about level with the Uxbridge Road. The other two carriers were behind us. I think we sat in the carriers, I can't remember where I was sitting but it's likely that I was in the back somewhere. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were still sitting as before. Then [REDACTED] got out and walked into Uxbridge Road where there was a cordon about three officers deep about thirty yards from the junction with Park View Road towards the police station. There were several hundred people gathered on both sides of the road. Just before the cordon was [REDACTED] and other senior Officer I remember seeing a Superintendent but don't know who he was. [REDACTED] spoke to them. When he returned, all three carriers drove out into the centre of Uxbridge Road facing away from the Police station we were in front and the other two behind us, with U.13

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

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

being about level with Parkview Road. We sat there for a while. The next thing to happen was the crew of U.13 were told to get out of the carrier because the crowds on both sides of the road were beginning to spill out onto the roadway. They were told to keep them back on the pavement which they did. At about this time we were being permitted to go in pairs to the police station to relieve ourselves. I can remember a Rastafarian with a megaphone near the entrance of Parkview Road. I can also remember a divisional serial of about half a dozen P.C.'s and a W.P.C. being placed behind the crowd on the North West side of Parkview Road because they were dismantling a brick wall. At about this time I went to the Police station with [REDACTED] to go to the toilet. When we returned we had got past the cordon and were almost at the junction with Parkview Road when the crowd on the North West side broke and ran towards us. At that time, I don't believe there were any missiles they just ran like football supporters yelling. I saw [REDACTED] calling us and everybody else on the unit back to the carrier. I should say, that I believe [REDACTED] joined us when we were in the Broadway. I then saw my Unit joining up with shields. By this time missiles were being thrown and I tucked in behind some shields. I can't remember whether we moved off towards the crowd with the shields, if we did, we were forced back and three us, myself [REDACTED] and I believe [REDACTED] who had a shield were trapped against, I believe it was U.12 on the North side, with missiles being thrown at us. We were up against the carrier with the shields protecting us. We couldn't move for some time because

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1433

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

of the amount of missiles. Eventually, I ran round the other side of the carrier where I knocked on the drivers door and shouted to him to open the rear doors. He didn't do so, but at that moment there was a sort of lull so I went back round and got behind a shield unit again. I believe at this stage I went into the grounds of the church on the North East corner of Parkview Road then joined a shield unit at the entrance of the road. We then moved up Parkview Road after demonstrators, there were bricks hitting the front of the shields all the time. On our left was a big house and there were missiles coming out of the windows and even flairs. So we had to protect ourselves on two sides. We kept running up Parkview Road and I believe at that stage, I took a shield from I think [redacted] who was tired from carrying it. At that stage mounted branch officers came charging up the road towards us and scattered the demonstrators in all directions. It broke the demonstration up in that area. When I came back down the street some 'B' Division Officers had got into the big house to arrest the stone throwers but there were still some up on the top floor who were causing difficulty. With other officers I formed a shield tunnel for a short while. The prisoners were then brought out. I then went back to where the carrier had originally been I can't remember how many carriers were present but I recall the [redacted] who was on U.12 I don't know whether she was driving it or operator at the time, making a call for assistance from a street nearby the lads without shields ran to assist. Soon after that someone decided to form a police cordon about 100 yards east of

Signed: [redacted] Signature witnessed by [redacted]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Parkview Road. Myself [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] went there with shields we stood about for about ten minutes, then we got a message over the radio that we were regrouping. We told the Chief Superintendent in charge and we walked back to the Police Station. When we got there two of our carriers, my own U.19 and another 1 Unit carrier was parked in the main road by the Police station. I can remember seeing [REDACTED] there, [REDACTED] and other but don't remember who. I suppose the time would be about 6.30pm to 7pm. At about 8pm I was still in U.11. For about the last hour we had been answering calls for assistance at various venues. I can recall that we went to calls at a street near a garage and to one near a canal. At 8pm we got a call from 3 Unit for urgent assistance because they were under attack. At this time we were I believe somewhere south of the Broadway and when we came into the Broadway we turned right and went Eastwards towards Beachcroft Avenue I recall that U.12 was behind us and I believe U.13 was also but I do remember that they had just previously arranged to go for snacks. We were the lead carrier, and as we approached the junction with Beachcroft Avenue I saw police officers in the Broadway I believe some of them had shields. I also saw two or three carriers which I believe were in the Broadway although I could be confused by seeing them later. [REDACTED] was still the Driver, [REDACTED] was the operator and I believe I was sitting near the back. I don't remember where other officers were sitting. We approached at a reasonably fast speed and I believe with 2 tone on we turned right into Beachcroft

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Avenue going over the pavement at the west corner. The crowd were, as I remember it, near the junction with Broadway, just down in Beachcroft Avenue right across the road. As we turned the corner a brick hit the windscreen and we slowed down almost to a halt, then accelerated down Beachcroft Avenue. After the demonstrators who were running down the road. I don't think we passed any police officer on the way down. In fact my recollection is that we were the first Police Officers at the bottom of the street. The van slowed down at the bottom end of the street and we started to jump out as it was still moving. As I recall it we all bailed out together. The point that we got out was about 15 to 20 yards from the junction with Orchard Avenue. When I got out of the van, I believe through the back doors I ran to the right of the van and chased two white youths who ran right into Orchard Avenue. One I would describe as about 17 years of age, with short cropped blonde bleached hair, wearing a check black and white jacket, he was about 5'6" tall, the other was bigger in build about 5'10" tall, with shoulder long brown hair. I can't remember what he was wearing. I was about 15 yards behind them. They ran to the cul de sac where they turned right by the end house up an alley into a sort of yard. As I turned into the alley I saw the pair had climbed over the wire fence and were running through an alley between the houses in Oswald Road. I started to climb the fence but gave up. I didn't see anybody else trying to climb over the fence or officers chasing them. When I turned round to go back out the alley I saw a young white girl standing by the fence somewhere in the area of the

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Continuation of statement of... [REDACTED]

alley. She was about 18 years of age, 5' 6" to 5'7" tall, slim to medium build, with straight brown shoulder length hair, wearing brownish clothing. She was crying and was obviously very upset. I didn't speak to her. I didn't see any injury but she had her hand to her face, the impression I got was that she was crying into her hand. There were about six other officers in the area but none of my carrier crew and I am 99% sure that none of my unit was down that part of the street between Beachcroft Avenue and the cul de sac. I walked back to the corner of Beachcroft Avenue. There was no sign of either of our carriers I did not see anybody white or otherwise sitting or laying down on the pavement near that junction I then got back onto my carrier at the Broadway. I did not have a shield at this incident and I did not draw any truncheon either. I didn't hit anybody I have been shown a photograph of Blair PEACH I did not see this man anywhere on 23rd April, 1979.

I have been asked by [REDACTED] about the point when the van entered Beachcroft Avenue. It slowed down and might just have stopped momentarily. I did not get out there furthermore, I am quite certain that no one got out at that point. If they had have done I am quite sure that I would have seen it and noticed it. I've also been asked who was on U.11 at the time we entered Beachcroft Avenue. I am sure that [REDACTED] and myself were on board. I am almost certain that [REDACTED] was on board. In fact, I am sure that if he had not been, by virtue of the fact that he is my partner I would have noticed. I have spoken to [REDACTED]

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

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Record of an interview
conducted at C.I.B.(2) Branch New
Scotland Yard on 8th June 1979
between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] C.I.B.(2) Branch and
[REDACTED] attached to
Special Patrol Group No. 1 unit
stationed at Barnes Police Station.

Interview recorded by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] C.I.B.(2) Branch.

Interview commenced at 2.45 p.m.

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1.

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

A. [REDACTED] Nearly six months. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. [REDACTED] Who is your partner? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] My present partner is
[REDACTED]
My partner before that
for about three months was
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Who is your Inspector? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] was
at the time of the
incident. He is no
longer. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] What are the names of the S.P.G. officers who were with you on the Carrier 11 at about 8 pm in Southall on 23.4.79? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I Can remember that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were definatly on board at the time of the incident. I now know that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was also on board. [REDACTED]

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5.

Q. [REDACTED] Was this at Beechcroft Avenue Southside? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I didn't see what any of them did. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] From what part of the carrier did you get out of. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I'm pretty sure it was from the back. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] What did you do. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I ran after a couple of blokes down towards a cul-de-sac. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Were you on your own. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] There was no one from the carrier with me. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Were there any other police officers with you. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] Yes, there were other police officers in the street. I don't know who they were. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7.

Q. [REDACTED] How long was each officer off the carrier? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I don't know, because I
joined a different carrier
immediately after losing my
two suspects in Orchard
Avenue. Whilst chasing after
these two suspects my carrier
had left the scene where I
got off and I walked up
to the Broadway where I
joined up with another carrier. [REDACTED]

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8.

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

A. [REDACTED] I can't say. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] 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 Herbert Road side. Can you enlarge on that? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. As I have said I went to the cul-de-sac end of Orchard Avenue. I don't know where the other occupants of my carrier went to. My recollection of events is that my carrier Uniform 11 in fact stopped three quarters of the way down Beechcroft Avenue and that is where I got out. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Did you see [REDACTED] get out of the carrier.

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Have you any knowledge of [REDACTED] getting out of the carrier in Orchard/Beechcroft Avenue.

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

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10.

Q. [REDACTED] It is understood Blair Peach received an injury there to his head from which he died. What do you know about it. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] Nothing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Q. [REDACTED] Did you have a truncheon in your hand? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] I didn't see any person struck by a police truncheon. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Did you see any person struck by police with anything in that vicinity. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] I don't know of anyone
having anything other than
an official police truncheon. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] What do you know about unauthorized weapons carried by S.P.G. officers on the S.P.G. carrier? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] I have never seen any unauthorized weapons at all carried by S.P.G. officers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] I don't know because I honestly didn't know he had got it. [REDACTED]

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16.

Q. [REDACTED] Has he ever loaned such to you? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1505

Q. [REDACTED] Do you know anything about such weapons? [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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Q. [REDACTED] What do you know of any officer of rank who knows about the existence of such weapons on the S.P.G.? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1507

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

A. [REDACTED] Nothing. I didn't know it existed until Tuesday of this week when it was found. [REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] Absolutely nothing. [REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] What do you know which may assist to determine how Clement Permet his death? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] Nothing. [REDACTED]

Q. [REDACTED] Is there anything else you wish to say? [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED] No. [REDACTED]

Q. Would you read through the above questionnaires and if it has been accurately recorded would you sign the bottom of each page and initial the end of each question and answer and any alteration. You may by way of an additional answer alter add to any previous answer you have made. [REDACTED]

The above interview terminated at 3.45 p.m. 8th June 1979 and the initials and signature of [REDACTED] witnessed by me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of _____
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21
 Occupation of Witness Police Sergeant _____
 Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Unit
 S.P.G.
 Barnes. 876 2352

This statement* consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of April, 1979.

Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

Yesterday, 23rd April, 1979, I was on duty at 2p.m., at Barnes Police Station and we were then aid to Southall. After going to Feltham for refreshment, we were then sent to Southall somewhere around 5p.m. The carrier we were in, which was Uniform 12, consisted of myself, _____ who was the driver, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____. We were involved in an out-break of serious public disorder at about 6.15p.m. at Uxbridge Road, Southall, near the junction of Park View Road, opposite Southall Park. During this incident _____ made an arrest and did not return to the carrier and _____ was injured. When this incident was over we all went back to Southall Police Station, and I there (end of original page 1) saw _____ and told him to get some medical attention, which I believe he did as he did not get back into my carrier.

Signature _____ Signature witnessed by _____
 *Delete as applicable.

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

We then patrolled in the carrier and were involved in at least one other small incident. Between about 7.30p.m. and 8p.m. there was a call over the radio from another S.P.G. unit for urgent assistance. Uniform 11 set off to the location of where the assistance was needed and we followed and I think Uniform 13 was also behind us. We went through various side streets and into the Broadway and headed in an easterly direction towards the Town Hall. Uniform 11 turned right into Beachcroft Avenue and my carrier stopped at Beachcroft Avenue, junction with the Broadway. On board at that time, apart from myself, were [REDACTED] as driver, [REDACTED] as operator and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I took a shield from the carrier and got out along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] took over as driver and remained with the carrier. I believe that the remaining two shields were also taken out of the carrier. I should say at this point that it has been a standing instruction from [REDACTED] that in a situation such as this, where shields are taken into use, it is the decision of the individual officers as to whether they draw truncheons. I can't remember whether I drew my truncheon during this particular incident, but if I did I (end of original page 2) am certain I didn't use it on any person. There was a carrier in front of mine and there were officers from that carrier running down Beachcroft Avenue towards Orchard Avenue. I was not aware of any missiles being thrown at myself or my crew at that stage. I didn't see any missiles being thrown at the other officers in front of us. At this stage I was aware of people

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

at the junction of Beachcroft and Orchard Avenue. As I neared that junction, some people had run into the dead end of Orchard Avenue and others in the opposite direction along Orchard Avenue. I turned to the right to face the people in the dead end, who started climbing over fences at the end. Due to the fact that I had the shield with me, I didn't follow them over the fences, but waited at the junction and called my carrier on my personal radio. I should point out that the people running along the other way down Orchard Avenue were being chased by another carrier, I don't know which one. I wanted to keep the unit together so I, together with [REDACTED] and another P.C., I can't remember his number, got into the carrier and we then drove east along Orchard Avenue towards Herbert Road after the other carrier. Whilst in Orchard Avenue (end of original page 3) I didn't see any missiles being thrown at Police, but I did notice people running into front gardens and what I believe to be an alleyway on the left of Orchard Avenue. I didn't notice any police officers following them. On reaching the junction of Orchard Avenue and Herbert Road I stopped the carrier and got out because I was concerned about the safety of [REDACTED] who was missing. We then retraced our steps in the carrier and stopped at the junction of Beachcroft Avenue and the Broadway and it was either there or en route, I can't remember which, that we picked up [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I do remember that [REDACTED] was not on board. I can't remember whether [REDACTED] joined me on the carrier for the rest of the tour. I didn't see any

Signature [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1741

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

officer with his truncheon drawn during this incident at the junction of Orchard Avenue. During yesterdays disturbances the officers in my carrier, including myself, were wearing helmets and raincoats. Whilst in Orchard Avenue and Beachcroft Avenue I didn't see any person lying or sitting on the ground injured. I didn't see any person, either member of the public or police, assaulted in either Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue. On rejoining my carrier and the remnants of my crew, nothing was said by [REDACTED] about them having to draw truncheons or getting involved in (end of original page 4) any fight with any person in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue.

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of [REDACTED] 1 unit TN
By [REDACTED]
at Southall Police Station
on 25th April 1979
commenced at 7.22 p.m.
finished at 7.24 p.m.
Present [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A TN at 2.0p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put

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

A. I did [REDACTED]

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

A. I drew it at Uxbridge Rd 1/4 Parkview Rd at the outbreak of disorder when carrying my shield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. It is [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number ...FN./124.....

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

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..... Barnes

..... TEL: 876-2352

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Dated the 11th day of May, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to the statement I have made this day. I have been asked to explain in more detail the events that occurred at Orchard Avenue, Southall junction with Herbert Road, when a film crew were told to leave. When my carrier pulled up behind the other carrier, [REDACTED] was standing at the north west corner of the junction near no. 2 standing in front of a man with a camera. I went across the road towards them and I noticed a man with a microphone standing about four or five feet away from them. I cannot remember speaking to [REDACTED] at that stage because he was telling the camera man to go away. On hearing that I went and stood in front of the man with the microphone. As I have already stated I may have told the man with the microphone to go away as there was nothing there for them. By this time [REDACTED] was telling the camera man in a raised voice

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

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Continuation of statement of.....

to go away. I do not remember the exact words used by [REDACTED] to the camera man, but he made it quite clear that he wanted him to go. I don't think the camera man said anything back to [REDACTED] and I believe that was the end of the matter. I have been asked to recall the exact words used by [REDACTED] toward the camera man, but I can honestly say that I cannot remember. After booking off duty I arrived home [REDACTED] where I live with my mother, about one am or soon after. My hand was hurting me quite a bit and as my mind was active with the events of the day I did not go the bed immediately, but sat down to unwind and had a gin and tonic. I have just remembered that on my way home from Barnes I called at the Royal Free Hospital Hampstead to have my hand examined, so it was probably nearer two am when I arrived home. Whilst relaxing at home I had my radio on and I believe I went to sleep with it still on. It was either at that time, or when I woke up in the morning that I heard that a man had died as a result of the events at Southall. My first impression was that the man would have received his injuries at the riot at Park View Road early in the day, but I later discovered by reading the paper, I believe it was the Daily Telegraph that he had been injured at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue. I was not in contact with any member of my unit or the S.P.G. until I went to work at Barnes later that day for the 5pm to 1am tour of duty. But I may have arrived earlier to prepare the duties and correspondence. The exact time that I booked on will be shown on the duty state

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS
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Continuation of statement of.....

at Barnes. When the unit was paraded at Barnes the General topic among the men, was about, the riot the previous day at Park View Road, the injured P.C.'s and the press reports about the incident. I was incensed about the suggestions in the press that the S.P.G. were responsible for the death of the dead man. On being warned to go to Southall to be interviewed about the events of the day before, there was general speculation about what we were to be interviewed about. On arrival at Southall the question then raised by the man was how long they were likely to be there as another unit, as I understood it, had been there most of the day and all those officers had been interviewed and the time was then just after six pm. We also knew that C.I.B.(2) were involved in the enquiry for one of our officer identified a C.I.B.(2) officer with whom he had previously worked. Although we had all discussed the previous days events, both at Barnes, on the carrier en route to Southall and at Southall whilst we were waiting to be interviewed, at no time did anyone at any stage tell us, nor did we make any decision amongst ourselves not to tell the truth.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of.....
 Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21
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Dated the 11th day of May, 19 79

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

Further to my previous statement of 23rd April 1979 I would like to add I was promoted P.S. on 4.4.76. I joined the SFG about 9 months ago. I was posted to Barnes under..... I know the officers of my own unit, but I do not know by name or sight a large proportion of other officers from SFG, I have referred to the vehicle H/T log for U.12 for 23.4.79 and I can say that we came on duty that day and the following officers were on my carrier,..... who was the driver, I was the operator,..... This was the one that was with me when we left Barnes. At 2pm at Barnes we were briefed by..... and he informed us that we were on an operation at XS where the National Front were holding a meeting in the Town Hall and it was anticipated that members of the

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Continuation of statement of.....

Anti Nazi League would try to stop the meeting taking place. The role of the S.P.G. was to provide a mobile reserve to prevent disorder and to be deployed as required by [REDACTED]. After the briefing at TN, we went to the M.O.D. Feltham for operational feeding while there we had information that there was trouble brewing at XS. We had a meal at 3pm and were told that when we had finished we were to make our way to XS to meet U.50. On route to XS we received a message by R/T that an outbreak of public disorder was in progress in the UXBRIDGE ROAD and that shields were being used. All 3 carriers of 1 Unit who were travelling in convoy made their way to the Uxbridge Road on the horns and lights to assist the officers. Anticipating that we were going to a violent situation I advised my men to remove their watches and nominated officers to carry shields but I cannot remember exactly who. We had 4 shields on the carrier. We arrived in the Uxbridge Road at about 15.50 and saw large crowds of people but no serious disorder. We then received a message at 16.10 to patrol and prevent disorder in the Uxbridge Road and East of Lady Margaret Road, after patrolling for some time we came to Park View Road Junction with Uxbridge Road where we discovered a large crowd of Anti Nazi League, Asian demonstrators and R.C.s. We noticed in Park View Road a house on the West side with a sign on the front door saying First Aid Post 2nd house from the main road. We went to the bottom of Park View Road a Cul-de-Sac turned round and parked on the opposite side of the

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

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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road to the house. It was evident that there was considerable activity by coloured people from both within and outside the house. There were people at all the windows. The crowd in Park View Road began to swell in numbers and began to spill onto the roadway. Several people shouted and swore at us showing 'V' Signs at the carriers and shouting abuse at the helicopter I 99. We became aware of the situation becoming extremely hostile and tense. Feeling our position would be vulnerable and we could have been cut off we requested assistance. At the junction was an RCG RASTAFARIAN with a megaphone, he appeared to be inciting the mob to charge the cordon into the Uxbridge Road. On several occasions this man was asked to keep on the pavement by foot officers present. We then moved as a unit to the Uxbridge Road slightly east of Park View Road in the centre of the road by the central reservation. The situation became more volatile and I remember saying to my crew "That one thing we can be certain that there will be trouble the question is when" I went by foot to XS for about 1 minute and returned passing through the cordon to my carrier. As I passed the man with the megaphone I clearly heard him say to the demonstrators on the north footway "When we go we go as one." I returned to my carrier. Various members of a carrier, I don't know which, were on foot near the junction with Park View Road. Every time a group of P.C.s passed the crowd the most hostile of which were on the corner a chorus of jeers and abuse went up. After some minutes the mob moved off the pavement as jeering was heard by the cordon. The crowd then moved back onto

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the pavement. Suddenly as though at a given signal demonstrators from both sides of the road ran towards the cordon. At this stage bricks, bottles and stones were thrown at the police cordon and at the carriers. The crew of 1 Unit then went either to Park View Road or in the direction of the cordon. I ran towards the cordon. I was surrounded by persons throwing missiles at Police. A flare was thrown from the direction of the house into the Uxbridge Road. As I neared the cordon I was aware of many people fighting with Police. In order to get behind the cordon I had to pull out of the way an Asian youth. At this stage I was hit accidentally by a P.C. on the back of the right hand across the knuckles. I then got behind the cordon. The mob was pushed back along the Uxbridge Road and into Park View Road and at this stage the bombardment was at it's height. At this stage I saw a man standing on the wall by the house hurling large bricks at Police who had shields. To my right in the Church yard an Asian male was also throwing bricks at my group of Police who were District Officers. A P.C. immediately to my right was struck full on the side of the face by a house brick thrown from the Church Yard. I then on seeing various members of my unit by the carrier ran under bombardment by the mob to the carrier where I took a shield. I made my way through the Church yard with other officers towards the house. At this stage mounted branch came through. An endless stream of missiles were still coming from the house. We then followed the Mounted Branch

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down Park View Road. The mob were running through peoples gardens clambering over walls and knocking on doors. Various householders came out with sticks and chased the intruders off. We then made our way back to the carriers and we realised the house had been emptied. At this stage I noticed that at least one of the carriers had gone. I think it was to convey injured P.C.'s to hospital. One of whom I was told had been stabbed in the back. We then received a message by R/T, that one of our other carriers was being stoned. We went in search of it and during this time, I assisted [REDACTED] with the arrest of an Asian Youth. We returned to XS to unload prisoners and [REDACTED] was directed by me to receive medical treatment for a cut to his eye and he did not return during that tour of duty. [REDACTED] went into XS with a prisoner and did not return I then went back to Uxbridge Road junction with Park View Road. A large crowd had now gathered on the pavement by the park. [REDACTED] was there and I suggested that the debris in the road be cleared for fear of it being used again. Suddenly some stones were thrown at me and other Officers from the mob by the park. An attempt was made to disperse that mob. I wish to add at this stage that I had drawn my truncheon earlier in Park View Road as did other Officers but I do not think I actually struck anybody. We then regrouped outside XS. After a short while we went to the Broadway junction with Herbert Road where we again met up with [REDACTED]. We were parked in Herbert Road facing North at about 8pm I noticed

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smoke 100 yards away behind the Police cordon in the Broadway
 A few minutes later a private hire coach came through the cordon.
 I heard loud bangings which I assumed was people banging on the
 sides of the coach and as it passed I noticed the rear window was
 broken. Shortly afterwards a call was received over the R/T and
 I have recorded it in my form A8 10 as 2015 Uxbridge Road at the
 junction with Alexandra Road. The message being "urgent assistance
 2 unit under attack". When there followed U.11 through a number
 of back streets which were unfamiliar to me and eventually we
 turned right into the Broadway. The back carrier U.11 was about
 50yds ahead of me. I noticed about 100 yds away on S.P.G. carrier
 parked. I then saw a group of Police with shields run down a
 road which I now know to be Beachcroft Avenue. U.11 turned into
 Beachcroft Avenue as did we. My carrier stopped approximately
 20 - 25yds south of the junction with the Broadway prior to turning
 into the road missiles were being thrown from Beachcroft Avenue.
 On board with me at this stage were [REDACTED] who was
 driving. I previously referred to him in my other statement as
 [REDACTED] which is incorrect I confused the number. Also
 present was [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I was aware of people running at
 the bottom of the road. In view of the fact missiles had been
 thrown as we arrived I anticipated a situation where shield might
 be required. I took a shield and I think [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
 also took shields. By this time [REDACTED] had vacated the
 driving seat. [REDACTED] stayed in the van to the best of
 my knowledge. After assisting me out with the shield [REDACTED]

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ran off down Beachcroft Avenue. I ran down Beachcroft on the right hand side of the road and as approached Orchard Avenue I saw people running to the right. When I reached the junction I could see it was a dead end towards the right and some people were scaling a fence being closely pursued by Police. I cannot say if the P.C.'s had shields or not. I looked in the other direction and saw a large number of people and I was aware of Police Officers also. I was then standing on the south side of Orchard Avenue in the Roadway O/S no. 73. I then called on my P/R for my carrier. In Beachcroft Avenue facing towards Orchard Avenue on the East side a few yards from the junction was a stationary S.P.G. carrier I don't know which. I was aware of P.C.'s loading into the carrier but I don't know who they were. My main concern was to get my carrier to the junction so as not to be separated from the unit. [REDACTED] brought the carrier to the junction. [REDACTED] parked beside or just behind the other carrier when I first arrived at the junction with Orchard Avenue I was aware of a group of Police to the left 20 yards from the junction with Beachcroft I am unable to say if they were stationary or going away from me they were outside no. 58. I do not know if they were carrying shields or not I have been asked if I drew my truncheon while in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue and I cannot honestly remember, I feel that if I had it out at that stage I would have remembered. I have been asked if I saw other Police with their truncheons drawn at this stage but I cannot say one way or the other. I would like to stress that from the time we arrived in Beachcroft

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Avenue until we landed up in the carrier the whole incident happened very quickly. I would like to say that on arrival I was not aware of the situation and it was not until I got to the junction I was able to assess the position and see that the crowds were trying to make good their escape. I have been asked if I saw any person arrested at the junction with Beachcroft and Orchard and I was unaware that any arrests had been made. I have been asked if I saw a man on the footway in Orchard Avenue outside no. 62 at the junction with Beachcroft Avenue either sitting or leaning against the wall and I have no such recollection. When the carrier arrived I remember getting on board I believe [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present also. The carrier in front turned left into Orchard Avenue and I told [REDACTED] to follow on though I later realised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were not on board. We drove towards Herbert Road where we stopped I called on the R/T for [REDACTED] but received no reply. However he rejoined us at some stage in Beachcroft or Orchard Avenue. I found out that [REDACTED] was on another carrier. At the junction with Herbert Road I got out to assist [REDACTED] who was speaking to a two man T.V. Crew. I stood next to the man with a microphone and I may have told him that the incident was over and there was nothing for him. Also present were a number of District Officers We then moved down Orchard Avenue and turned round by reversing into the opening between nos 44 and 46. While we were doing this I was aware of at least one other carrier passing by along

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Orchard Avenue and we followed him up Beachcroft and caught him up at the Broadway. Later we went for snacks at the mobile canteen in Greenford Avenue. As my hand was quite painful I went to XD to be examined by a Divisional Surgeon but when I arrived I was told that he had left. After booking off on my way home I went to the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead where the casualty Officer diagnosed that I had bruising but no broken bones. When we were booking off at TW about 12 night I became aware that somebody from the DAILY MIRROR had telephoned [REDACTED] at home asking about his injuries. I thought he was ex directory so I phoned the DAILY MIRROR news desk and asked them how they had got his home phone number. While I was speaking to the man on the news desk he asked me for information I refused to enter into any dialogue with him and he declined to disclose his source of information. In the early hours of the morning I heard on the radio that a man had died as a result of injuries received at XS. Later that day I believe it was in the press I learned the man had been injured in Beachcroft junction with Orchard Avenue.

During the day I kept a log of events shown on form 3166 (Book AB/10) for [REDACTED] I produce that log as exhibit AH/1.

Statement made in my presence [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]