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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)..... Over 21  
Occupation of Witness.....  
Address and Telephone Number..... Complaints Investigation  
Bureau, New Scotland Yard.

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

Dated the 31st day of August, 1979  
Signed.....  
Signature witnessed by.....

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

\*Delete as applicable.

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Continuation of statement of.....

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

Signature witnessed by.....

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said, 'The consequences are that the refusal to stand will be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions.' [REDACTED] then said, 'Do I understand from your letter that you will assist this enquiry because there are some more questions to be put to you. This can now be done by this Officer if you agree we may as well get it over with.' [REDACTED] indicated myself). [REDACTED] said, 'What sort of questions, he has already made a number of statements?' [REDACTED] said, 'I know, but there are a number of matters to be cleared up and to be put to him, you will understand when you hear the questions.' [REDACTED] said, 'I don't mind.' [REDACTED] said, 'This Officer will get on with it then.' I then said, 'I am [REDACTED] [REDACTED] what happened to your eye?' He said, 'Badminton'.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

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

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Dated the 13th day of August, 1979  
Signed.....  
Signature witnessed by.....

On Thursday 9th August, 1979, at 7.10 pm I went into Room 132 at Wembley Police Station with [redacted] and saw [redacted] and [redacted] his Solicitor. [redacted] said, "I understand that you have refused to take part in an identification parade. I notice [redacted] that you have changed your appearance by growing a beard and you also have a black eye. You have refused an identification parade and a confrontation." [redacted] said, "Yes, that's correct the reasons are in the letter." [redacted] said, "With regard to photographs, if Police have shown witnesses photographs in cases the witnesses are still brought to the parade. [redacted] fully understands

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

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the regulations. Under the circumstances I will make other arrangements for the witnesses to see [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said, "Would you care to tell me what those arrangements are?" [REDACTED] said, "No, that will

be a matter for me. Good evening." [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED] then left.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... Senior Photographer

Address and Telephone Number..... Photographic Branch

..... New Scotland Yard

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

Dated the 23rd day of April, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On the 23rd April, 1979 at Parkview Road Southall, I took twenty six photographs, these I mounted in an indexed album (Exhibit JDC/1 which I now produce. The unretouched negatives remain in my possession. [REDACTED]

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

\*Delete as applicable.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE

No. 143A

MEMORANDUM

15th June, 1979

From

The Metropolitan Police Forensic  
Science Laboratory,  
109, Lambeth Road,  
London SE1 7LP.

To Commander Cass,  
EIB (2),  
Room 923,  
N.S.Y.

M.P.-48

Lab Ref: T/4333/79

Your Ref: C/322 (XS)

After telephone discussions with yourself and [redacted] Laboratory Liaison Officer), I have re-examined certain items submitted to the laboratory as a result of the death of Blair Peach. Pocket sweepings from item PM/5 (Peach's coat) have been examined and no brick debris found. No hairs matching those from Peach's hair samples were found on the surface or in the pockets of the trousers PM/350-352 or the raincoat PM/349 (all from P.C. [redacted]).

On looking through the exhibit lists it appears that no truncheon from this police officer has been submitted to the laboratory. If you would like this examined, or any other scientific assistance in this matter, please contact me at the laboratory.

[redacted]

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Statement of [REDACTED]  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]  
 Address and Telephone Number CIB(2), 4 Squad,  
 New Scotland Yard,  
 London SW1 TEL 230-4013

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

Dated the 2nd day of July, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]  
 Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Tuesday, 5th June 1979 at 8.5 pm, I was on Duty in the Locker Room, 1 Unit Special Patrol Group, Barnes Police Station, in company with Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED]. When he searched the locker of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was present throughout the search. Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] introduced us both to [REDACTED] Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] then proceeded to search the locker. Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] then removed a length of wood from the locker. I identify this as Exhibit LS/1. Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] said, "This piece of wood was found in your locker". [REDACTED] said, "I brought it in to taken on raids for premises that may be securely locked. So far I have not used it." Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] said, "Did you have this in your possession during your recent tour at [REDACTED]"

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 2368  
 \*Delete as applicable.

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

Southall?" Police Constable [REDACTED] said "You mean DID I  
take it there? No". [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of.....  
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21")..... Over 21  
Occupation of Witness.....  
Address and Telephone Number..... New Scotland Yard  
..... 230 3515

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

Dated the 11th day of May 1979  
Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 30th April, 1979 at 5 pm in the gymnasium at Cannon Row Police Station, in the presence of Chief Superintendent..... and Superintendent..... of A.8 Branch and my Staff Officer, Detective Chief Inspector..... I addressed number one unit of the Special Patrol Group. A list of those officers present is attached (Exhibit DP/2). My address to the officers I read from a prepared text (Exhibit DP/1) and it related to the investigation being conducted by Commander Cass into the death of the man, Blair PEACH, following an election demonstration at Southall on Saturday 21st April, 1979. After reading the text, parts of which I repeated for emphasis, I said, "Now gentlemen, and lady, those were sombre words. Is there anyone present who did not hear or understand everything I said?" (pause) - no reply. I then said, "I want you all to think most seriously about what I have said" (pause) - "That is all I have to say to you, thank you for your attention". I then left the gymnasium

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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

at 5.10 pm and returned to New Scotland Yard.

I returned to Cannon Row Police Station at 6.15 pm and again in the gymnasium in the presence of Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] Superintendent [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] repeated my address verbatim from the prepared text (Exhibit DP/1) to officers of number three unit of the Special Patrol Group. A list of those officers present is attached (Exhibit DP/3). When reading from the text I again repeated certain parts for emphasis and at the conclusion I said "Now is there anyone present who did not hear or understand everything I said?" (pause). "Gentlemen, you may think those are strong words, but I want you to reflect on them most carefully (pause) - I am not asking any officer to say anything in reply at this stage, but should any officer have anything at all to say, or ask, he is at liberty to approach me direct, or through Mr [REDACTED] who has my absolute confidence. That is all gentlemen, thank you for your attention."

On Thursday 10th May, 1979, at 4.03 pm in the gymnasium at Cannon Row Police Station in the presence of Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] spoke to officers of numbers one and three units of the Special Patrol Group who had been present on duty at the demonstration at Southall on the 21st April, 1979, but who had been unable to be present when I addressed their colleagues on the 30th April, 1979. A list of those officers is attached (Exhibit DP/4). My talk to them consisted of me repeating verbatim the address I had previously made to their colleagues from the text (Exhibit DP/1). Once again I repeated

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of.....

certain parts of the text for emphasis. After reading the text I said, "Did any of you not hear or understand anything that I said?" (pause) - no reply. "Does anyone have any questions?" (pause) - no reply. "Very well gentlemen, thank you for your attention" Included in the prepared text (Exhibit EP/1) at the parts marked 'A' to 'B' were prepared answers to questions it was anticipated would likely be asked. In fact these questions were not asked on any of the three occasions I addressed the Special Patrol Group. Consequently those portions of the text were not read

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

I am conceited enough to imagine that everyone in this room knows who I am, but I'll say it anyway. I am [REDACTED] in charge of Operations. Back in the days of the formation of the Special Patrol Group I was its Superintendent in charge for two years.

I am aware of the investigations into the matter of the incident in Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue, where a man named PEACH was injured and subsequently died. We all know that it is alleged that his injuries were received as a result of a truncheon blow, given by an Officer in uniform, and this could be the case.

There is incontrovertible evidence that [REDACTED] here gave an order to draw truncheons which, in circumstances where a riot is taking place and missiles are being thrown, is undoubtedly a proper and lawful order and an Officer who failed to draw his truncheon under these circumstances would be guilty of disobedience to his Inspector. PAUSE there and contemplate what I have just said, -I categorically say it was absolutely right for every Officer of subordinate rank within earshot of [REDACTED] to draw his truncheon and, if it was reasonable and necessary to use the truncheon to keep the peace and suppress rioting behaviour then it would be right and lawful, in fact your bounden duty, to do so. I'll say that again gentlemen if you like [REDACTED] says it again).

We are presently engaged in a very delicate investigation where truthfulness and frankness is of vital importance to the reputation for manliness and fair dealing enjoyed by the Metropolitan Police

~~and the Special Patrol Group. Of course we desire to know the truth.~~  
 The truth stands all tests. A man must not think he would be helping a colleague by joining in any foolish want of frankness or concealment of anything about a brother Officer's conduct. Gentlemen, the truth is in everybody's interest and must always be encouraged by right thinking persons and I include you men, every one of you, as right thinking persons. I hope Mr CASS, who has my absolute confidence in every sense of the word, will be assisted by all Police Officers in his enquiries.

By the bye, I challenge any man here present to say that I have ever told a lie or misled any Officer I've been privileged to lead in any contentious situation and I am speaking nothing but the plain truth now.

*A*  
 QUESTION from the audience - will an Officer be charged if he steps forward?

REPLY - If an Officer was to step forward, the full facts, including any explanation, also the circumstances of the riotous situation, would be submitted for legal consideration and until the facts are known that's all I can say, other than a policeman who acted reasonably would not be charged or prosecuted.

QUESTION from the audience - would the Officer be suspended?

REPLY - I can almost give the same answer as to the first question - it would depend on the facts and circumstances. An Officer who acted and behaved lawfully and reasonably, would not be suspended, even where grave injury or death is caused.

*t shaken*

*B*

As a last word to you men, it's my bounden duty to tell you that any joint agreement to conceal the truth is, as you all know from your knowledge of criminal law, an unlawful conspiracy. Mr CASS and I would be the implacable enemies of anything unworthy like that, and everyone here knows that it would be unworthy of a man and a peace office.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
(Crime) (Operations)

No. DP, 1. No. 420A  
Signature of witness(es)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
M.P.-69-22872/200M (8)

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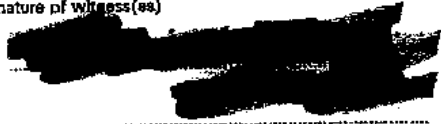
30 APRIL, 1979. 5 P.M. - 1 UNIT SPECIAL PATROL GROUP



No. 420A

No. *DP, 2.*

Signature of witness(es)



M.P.-89-62873/200M (5)

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30 APRIL, 1979. 6.15 PM - 3 UNIT SPECIAL PATROL GROUP



No. DP, 3

No. 420A

Signature of witness(es)



M.P.-89-82573/250M (8)

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10 MAY 1979 - REMAINDER OF 1 AND 3 UNITS, SPECIAL PATROL GROUP

[REDACTED]

No. 420A

No. DP/4.

Signature of witness(es)

[REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

time I was patrolling on foot between the window between Woolworths and Northcote Avenue in Southall Broadway. At about 7 pm we got into the carriers to drive further away from the scene, westwards towards Hayes. There were 3 carriers in our unit and I was in the middle carrier. As we drove up towards Hayes the first carrier stopped and [REDACTED] got out. [REDACTED] and other officers including [REDACTED] retrieved two milk crates which were loaded up with house bricks, bottles and bits of rocks. These crates were in Beechcroft Avenue. The crates were loaded onto my carrier U.20. As we drove off in the Broadway towards Hayes our carrier was subjected to a barrage of missiles which hit the roof and rear door of the carrier. We drove down the Uxbridge Road for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile we then turned round and returned to Southall. My carrier was still behind U.19. As we approached Northcote Ave. there was a hail of missiles coming from Beechcroft Avenue direction. There was also a small crowd of demonstrators on the corner of Northcote Avenue and the Broadway U.19 turned into Northcote Avenue and we followed stopping a short way from the junction but a considerable distance from U.19. I cannot recall if there was another carrier behind as my carrier then turned round in Northcote and drove towards The Broadway. The crowd on the corner of Northcote Avenue had grown considerably. As we turned right into The Broadway we were bombarded with missiles. Both carriers then drove

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]

towards Hayes for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile we then stopped and had a conference. [REDACTED] then instructed us to return to Northcote Avenue to disperse the crowd. Both carriers drove towards Northcote Avenue side by side. As we approached Northcote Avenue we were again bombarded with missiles from both sides of The Broadway and in front of us as well. The crowd at that time was very hostile. Both carriers turned into Northcote Avenue and stopped a few yards from the junction. We were just behind U.19. We got out with the intention of dispersing the crowd. I did not have a shield and cannot remember any shields being used at that time. We dispersed the crowd and chased them down Northcote Avenue away from The Broadway. I cannot remember an order to draw truncheons but I had drawn mine. I chased a group of people for a few yards. The crowd was then dispersed and we then returned to the carrier. I noticed that the crowd in The Broadway had now filled the junction with Northcote Avenue and they were bombarding us with missiles. They were mostly Asian types. As I got to the near side front door, with the intention of getting back into the carrier I was struck on the right side of the face by my right ear with a heavy object. I felt a bit groggy and lent against the carrier. I was then helped by [REDACTED] and other officers into U.19 which was further into Northcote away from demonstrators. In that carrier [REDACTED]

Signed and sworn to by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

was the driver and [REDACTED] was the operator. I can not remember seeing any other person on that carrier but at one stage I saw [REDACTED]. I was aware of [REDACTED] radioing for an ambulance for me and calling for urgent assistance. I could not see what was going on outside but knew officers from my carrier were involved in the demonstration. There was a lot of noise going on outside. It seemed to go on for a long while. I remember a prisoner being put on board, I think it was an Asian. I was sitting on the bench seat opposite the side passenger's door. I was then aware of shields being placed aboard P.C. entering and a prisoner who I think was put on the seat behind me. As far as I remember the prisoner was taken off the carrier and officers also left. As far as I remember this left only [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] board. At various stages however there were other officers aboard. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I heard any officer say words to the effect "What have you brought him back for" referring to a white prisoner who had been placed on the vehicle or to words to the effect "What has he done". I have no recollection of such things being said at any stage. When the ambulance arrived for me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were still on the vehicle and I know that I was assisted to the ambulance by another officer. I was taken by ambulance to the New Ealing Hospital where

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2926

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(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I was examined by the casualty officer where I was found to have a broken jaw. I was later transferred to The Mount Vernon Hospital for three days undergoing surgery. I resumed light duties on Wednesday 22nd August, 1979. I am sorry that I am vague about this incident but at the time I was in a dazed condition.

[REDACTED]

Statement taken in my presence.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the course of the interview [REDACTED] referred to the plan (JG/5) and the map (JG/6) and identified particular objects and locations by marking them in black ink. During the course of the interview there were several intervals in order that refreshments could be taken and visits to the toilet were made. At the conclusion of the interview [REDACTED] read the questionnaire in my presence and made alterations. He then initialled each answer and signed at the bottom of each page. I also countersigned at the bottom of each page. I not produce the questionnaire as Exhibit JG/1. [REDACTED]


Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of 

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness 

Address and Telephone Number Fulham Police Station  
Hackfield Place, S.W.6.



This statement,\* consisting of 1 page, 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 9th day of May, 1979

Signed 

Signature witnessed by 

On Tuesday 24th April, 1979, I went to Hammersmith Mortuary where I saw the body of Blair PEACH. I took fingerprint impressions from the body, which I produce as Exhibit ARG/1.

Signed  Signature witnessed   
\*Delete as applicable.

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... 1 Unit S.P.G.  
 BARNES  
 876-2352

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

Dated the 8th day of May, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have a total of 7 years Police Service and was posted as the Special Patrol Group a little over 2 years ago. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I paraded with my unit at Barnes at 2pm and was assigned to Carrier U.11 for duty at Southall. We went to Feltham at about 3pm for a meal and shortly afterwards we were called to assist with a disturbance in the vicinity of the Town Hall. At 6.30pm I arrested [REDACTED] for possessing an offensive weapon, a brick. He was transported to Hayes(XY) and I remained with him until he was charged at 7.40pm. I then awaited transport to take me back to Southall and I eventually arrived back there at about 8.45pm. A number of Divisional Officers were transported back to Southall at the same time as were [REDACTED] I attached to S.P.G., 1 Unit. When we arrived back at Southall I rejoined my Carrier U.11. in the Broadway near the Police Station. [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

\*Delete as applicable.

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was the driver of the vehicle and I remember seeing [REDACTED] board the Carrier at that time. There were other officers aboard the vehicle but I cannot recall who they were. We then patrolled the area of the Broadway but I do not know if we patrolled North or South of the Broadway. I remember stones were thrown at our carrier at about 9pm in the Broadway but this incident was minor in relation to the violence used by the demonstrators earlier. We went for a light meal provided by the Metropolitan Police catering Services at some stage but I do not know the location except that I formed the impression that it was in the grounds of a school I did not hear any conversation aboard the Carrier in relation to an incident in Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue. The main concern of the Officers aboard the Carrier was the condition of [REDACTED] who had been stabbed and [REDACTED] who had suffered an eye injury as a result of a brick being thrown at him. There were one or two minor skirmishes throughout the rest of the evening but nothing quite so violent as those earlier in the Uxbridge Road, Park View area. I have been on duty on a number of demonstrations and this was certainly the most violent. It appeared to me that the demonstrators were well organised and a number of the incidents seemed to have taken place with a view to drawing Police away from the main cordon at the Town Hall.



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between the demonstrators and the cordon. We advanced on the crowd to try and disperse them. Truncheons were not drawn at this stage. It was very necessary to involve in hand to hand fighting with some of the demonstrators who stood their ground and tried to punch it out with police. At this time there were hysterical screams from the crowd and in particular, from the 2 West Indians, who were shouting 'Kill them' and one of the West Indians kept shouting at me personally and tried to provoke me. By this time I was in the road between a church and some hoardings. At that moment I felt a violent blow on my right ear and I fell to the ground semi-conscious. I was picked up shortly afterwards by [redacted] who aroused me and dragged me across the other side of the road. In doing so he was hit in the eye with a brick. I learned afterwards that I had been hit with a brick. Then mounted officers came along on horses and we took shelter by a fence. As soon as the horses came on the scene the crowd went frantic and ran off down the road. I then saw that a number of the demonstrators had run into a house nearby that looked as if it was being used as a squat. They then started to throw bricks and bottles from that house at the police below I saw police officers trying to get in the house they were holding shields above their heads. I saw huge rocks, bigger than housebricks being thrown from the windows of that house and paint was also thrown, some of which went over me. I then went back to our carrier and [redacted] directed both of us to go to hospital. We were taken by ambulance to King Edwards Hospital, Ealing where I was seen and treated by the casualty officer. I suffered internal bruising to my right ear and was concussed. The doctor said I could go but [redacted] as transferred to an eye hospital in town. I went back to rejoin my unit and it must have been between 8 pm and 8.50pm as it was just

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]

getting dark. About 15 minutes after I arrived back at Southall Police Station I found U13 in the Broadway and got aboard their carrier. About 10 minutes after this U11 came to the Broadway and I rejoined them. At the time I rejoined U 11 I saw [REDACTED] was still aboard. I also saw [REDACTED] on the carrier at that time, that's all I can remember. The rest of the evening we were deployed clearing the streets. We were involved in one or two minor disturbances later that evening but nothing compared to the extreme violence we had witnessed and been subjected to earlier. I have been asked by [REDACTED] if I can recall any conversation aboard the carrier U11, when I rejoined it from hospital and in particular, whether I heard anything said about anything that might have happened involving my unit in the Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue area. I heard nothing said like that, the only conversation I can recall was the enquire about myself and [REDACTED] and out injuries. I went back to work the next day but I broke down that evening with delayed shock and my doctor placed me sick for 5 days. I have served in the Royal Air Force Regiment for 12 years and saw service in Cyprus during the riots out there. I was also on duty in recent years in the Nottinghill and Lewisham demonstrations and whilst these were also violent none of these had the effect on me as the Southall demonstration. I think it was extremely well worked out in advance by those inciting the demonstrators to violence.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]  
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]  
Address and Telephone Number 1 Unit S.P.G.  
Barnes  
876-2352 Ext. 44

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

Dated the 8th day of May 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I have a total of 10 years Police Service and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1964. I was posted to 1 Unit of the Special Patrol Group in January, 1978. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, at 2pm I attended Wells Street Magistrates Court with P.O. [REDACTED] re the case of [REDACTED]. We left Court at about 3.30pm. We then drove to Marylebone Magistrates Court and picked up [REDACTED]. The 3 of us then went direct to Southall and joined our Unit at about 4.30pm. They were then in the vicinity of the High Street. I was posted to U.11 with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I think [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also aboard the Carrier U.11. At 6.30pm at North Road I arrested an Asian named [REDACTED] for threatening behaviour. He was taken initially to Southall Police Station and then to Rochester Row where I remained with him until he was charged at 12.50am. I then went to West

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1299  
Delete as applicable.

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

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

End Central Police Station where I picked up [REDACTED] and

[REDACTED] We then returned to Barnes and booked off duty at  
2am.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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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..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

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

..... Barnes Police Station, Station Rd.

..... Barnes, S.W.13. Tel: 876 2352 Ext 42

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Dated the 1st day of May, 1979

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Monday 23rd April, 1979 I was the officer in charge of the Special Patrol Group Units engaged on Southall Division in connection with demonstrations and under the directions of DAG 'A' Gps.

Four S.P.G. Units were employed there on various tasks between 3pm and dismissal of the Group at 11.42p.m.

At 7.30p.m., the deployment of the Group was on four sector quarters centred on the junction of Broadway and Lady Margaret Road as follows:-

Serial 131 (1 Unit) Under [REDACTED] North West Sector - Mobile Patrol.

Serial 132 (2 Unit) Under [REDACTED] South East Sector - Mobile Patrol.

Signed..... [REDACTED] 1213  
Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

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

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

Serial 133 (3 Unit) Under [REDACTED] - Static position behind the large group of demonstrators in the Broadway west of Greenford Avenue

Serial 134 (5 Unit) Under Inspector [REDACTED] - North East Sector - Mobile Patrol.

I was on foot at the cordons in Broadway in front of the demonstrators. I was liaising personally with [REDACTED] at about this time regarding any further deployment of the Group.

At about 7.50p.m. I was contacted by X RAY Control on Channel 65 and asked to send a Unit to assist re a large group of people running about west of the Broadway at Lane Road. I dispatched No 5 Unit (Serial 134) using the S.P.G. radio network. At about 7.55p.m. Coach (Serial 78 which had been parked empty west of the demonstrators in the Broadway drove through the crowd towards us. As it came past me the Police Officer on board shouted that someone had thrown a petrol bomb at the Coach and noticed that the rear windows of the Coach were smashed. At about this time I saw missiles being thrown across the Broadway behind the demonstrators from the south side of the road. At about 8p.m. I received a message on the S.P.G. radio from No 3 Unit at the rear of the demonstrators saying that they were under attack and asking for assistance. I dispatched No 1 Unit to assist using the S.P.G. radio network.

Shortly afterwards I saw the blue flashing lights of S.P.G. vans.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by.....

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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]

beyond the demonstrators in the Broadway.

Within a couple of minutes the main crowd of demonstrators in the Broadway started to break up and I was able to walk through to the rear and met with personnel of No 2 and No 5 Units and started to clear away the crowds along the Broadway.

By 8.15p.m. many of the demonstrators had moved away and I directed all S.P.G. Units to withdraw to their original patrol areas and the Inspectors to start sending men to snacks at the mobile canteen in Shackleton Road. District officers directed by Commander [REDACTED] were left to secure the Broadway area as there was now no disorder there.

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by ..... 1215

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act. 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1963, r. 62)

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Special Patrol Group B.2.

Barnes Police Station

876 - 2352 Ext 42

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

Dated the 10th day of May, 1970 [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Further to my statement dated 4-5-79.

A Special Patrol Group Unit engaged on Public Order operations normally consists of one Inspector, three Sergeants and approximately 24 Constables. As a Mobile Reserve the Unit is transported in three Personnel Carriers with a Sergeant on each Carrier. The Inspector in charge would travel on one of the Carriers. Before the Operation commenced the Units would be briefed by each Inspector and this would include advice to leave vulnerable property behind, e.g. watches (in accordance with the Force Briefing Hints).

On 23-4-79 at Southall between 7.30pm and 8pm I was on foot with my driver PC [REDACTED] (acting as radio operator) to the east of the demarcation line in the Broadway and during this time I moved between the [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 1216

Delete as applicable.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS  
(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 5; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

positions at the front of the crowd and Greenford Avenue. I remember that during that time, and before the coach (Serial No 73) drove through the crowd, I saw No 1 Unit with [REDACTED] charge parked in their three Carriers in Herbert Road near the junction with the Broadway.

I believe the Carriers were all facing north into the Broadway and [REDACTED] was in the leading Carrier.

When the main crowd of demonstrators started to break up and I was able to walk through with PC [REDACTED] to the rear of the crowd I noticed that there were District Officers already amongst the demonstrators.

At about 8.05pm I reached the junction with Alexandra Avenue and found that Personnel Carriers of No 2 and 5 Unit had arrived to assist and were debussing in the Broadway between Alexandra Avenue and Northcot Avenue.

I directed [REDACTED] (2 Unit) and [REDACTED] (5 Unit) to commence dispersal of the crowds. There were also District Officers assisting with this dispersal. I did not see any officers of No 1 or 3 Units at this time.

I did not see any other senior Supervisory Officers at the rear of the crowd but after the dispersal had proceeded for 5 or 10 minutes

[REDACTED] approached me and after some discussion he told me to withdraw the SPG Personnel and the District Officers were left to secure the area.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 19/7

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, s. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 68)

Statement of [REDACTED]  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) [REDACTED] 40 yrs  
 Occupation of Witness [REDACTED] Police Constable  
 Address and Telephone Number [REDACTED] Wealdstone Police Station  
 [REDACTED] 78 High Street  
 [REDACTED] Wealdstone

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

Dated the 8th day of August, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]  
 Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Wednesday 1st August 1979 together with other officers I went to Wealdstone Police Station where I took part in an identification parade. I was the last officer in a line of, I believe, 9 policemen. We were all dressed in full uniform and wearing protective helmets. The witness an Indian male, walked along the line. He stopped and looked at me. He then walked back along the line. He was asked by the Chief Inspector running the parade if he recognised anyone and he said he did. He was then invited to 'touch' the person and he came up to me and touched me. He then left the parade.

I have been asked what my involvements were on Monday 23rd April 1979 and I was at Tintagel House in the morning. I then had lunch and returned to Wealdstone where I was shown 'patrol'

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

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

until 5pm when I booked off duty. I was dealing with  
correspondence for the period shown patrol and therefore in  
the station. I went home at 5pm and remained there for the  
evening. My home address is ..... At  
no time on that day was I anywhere near Southall. ....

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number Attached to Marylebone Police Station

1725 4026

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

Dated the 6th day of August 1979

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Wednesday 1st August 1979 I attended Wembley Police Station to appear on an identification parade. When we formed up in a line in the gymnasium I think there were ten of us in all. We were all dressed in full uniform with macintoshes and all wearing beards. The second witness, a GPO worker with short fair hair entered the gymnasium and after having the procedure explained to him walked along the line. He walked past me once, then returned past me again. He then walked up to me, touched me on the left shoulder and said, 'That's him'.

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I was employed in uniform during the morning and early part of the afternoon, finishing at about 1.30pm on Marylebone Section accompanying the racehorse 'Red Rum' on a promotional tour of the St George's Taverns in the area. At no time did I perform duty at Southall on that day or since.

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

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_  
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation of Witness Police Constable \_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Telephone Number Hendon Training School

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

Dated the 3rd day of August 1979

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

On Wednesday 1st August 1979 with other police officers I attended Wembley Police Station to take part in identification parades being held there. I joined a line of other police officers eleven in all, dressed in full uniform and all wearing beards. The first witness to enter the gymnasium where the parade was being held was a young girl of about 22. She walked along the line of police officers, past me and then returned along the line past me again, stopped and then pointed at me. She then walked up to me and touched me on the left shoulder and said, 'Yeah'. She then left the gymnasium.

I have been asked by \_\_\_\_\_ of CIB(2) to recall what I was doing on Monday 23rd April 1979. On that day I was employed by the Civil Service (Training Services Division) at the Wood Green Employment Office. I did not go anywhere near Southall on that day.

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

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

I joined the Metropolitan Police Force on 16th July 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 44 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness Metropolitan Police

Address and Telephone Number Ruislip Police Station

The Oaks, Ruislip, Middlesex

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

Dated the 29th day of August 1979

Signature [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Wednesday, 29 August 1979, between 4pm and 5.10pm, I conducted three identification parades at Hayes Police Station. On the first identification parade there was one suspect, [REDACTED] and five witnesses. Before the parade commenced I served [REDACTED] with F.620 which he completed and I produce as Exhibit EK/1. I recorded details of the parade on F.621 which I produce as Exhibit EK/2. On the second parade there was one suspect, [REDACTED] and one witness. Before the parade commenced I served [REDACTED] with F.620, which he completed and I produce as Exhibit EK/3. I recorded details of the parade on F.621 which I produce as Exhibit EK/4. On the third identification parade there was one suspect, [REDACTED] and one witness. Before the parade commenced I served [REDACTED] with F.620 which he completed and I produce as Exhibit EK/5. I recorded details of the parade on F.621 which I produce as Exhibit EK/6.

Signature [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]



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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

At. 6.58pm I saw [REDACTED] search a blue anorak with orange lining Exhibit CF/4 which had been in [REDACTED] hand as I entered the room and I saw [REDACTED] remove a leather encased lead truncheon from the right hand pocket of the anorak, which I Exhibit as Exhibit JW/2.

The adjacent locker immediately to the right, used by [REDACTED] was also searched in his presence. On top of this locker I found a Driving Licence no. [REDACTED] in the name of [REDACTED] which I produce as Exhibit JW/8.

All these exhibits were on the floor of the Locker Room and at 7.10pm [REDACTED] said to [REDACTED] "Are you satisfied they came out of your locker?" [REDACTED] said "Yes sir". D.C.I. [REDACTED] said, "What about the crowbar and the case opener?" P.C. [REDACTED] said "Those two came out of our vehicles at various times when cleaning them". [REDACTED] said, "What about the cowhide whip?" [REDACTED] said "On a I.P.A. tour". [REDACTED] "You had better come with me to an interview room." The lockers were sealed by me and the key to the locker was taken by [REDACTED] Exhibit JW/9. In the [REDACTED] Locker Room at 7.15pm [REDACTED] commenced to interview [REDACTED] in my presence. I made a contemporaneous record of questions and answers made on 11 pages. The interview concluded at 7.45pm when by request, [REDACTED] read each question and answer and initialled the same and signed the bottom of each page

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

At 7.58pm further questions were put to him which were likewise contemporaneously recorded by me, and which [REDACTED] initialled and signed the bottom of each page. I witnessed his signature as did [REDACTED]. I produce the record as Exhibit JW/11.

At 8.40pm [REDACTED] entered the same room and questioned [REDACTED]. I made notes of the conversation which took place on notepaper. Interview concluded at 9.15pm. I produce a typed copy of what was said as JW/12 and the original notes as JW/13.

At 10pm [REDACTED] was taken to New Scotland Yard. Later in room 921 at 02.00 on Wednesday the 6.6.79 [REDACTED] was interviewed by means of a prepared questionnaire under caution, by [REDACTED] in my presence. I made contemporaneous record of answers made and supplementary questions and answers made, on sheets of paper. At the conclusion at 02.15 hrs [REDACTED] read each question and answer and each supplementary question and answer and initialled the same and signed the bottom of each page. Having done this at 02.25 he made the addition as recorded on page 9 and produced another police truncheon which I produce as Exhibit JW/10 when a further supplementary question was asked and reply made. [REDACTED] read these and initialled the same and signed the bottom of this page. I witnessed his signature at 02.28 hrs on the 6.6.79, as did [REDACTED] produce the record

Sign [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

as JW/14.

[REDACTED] was told that he could contact his wife and decided not to do so at this stage.

He was supplied with his own pre-prepared sandwiches and drink.

At 2.35 am he was taken to Rochester Row Police Station and detained and his property listed.

At 11.59 am on Wednesday the 6.6.79 at Rochester Row Police Station he was seen in a cell by [REDACTED] and myself. He was reminded that he was still under caution. I made a record of what was said on two sheets of paper, which [REDACTED] read, he initialled the questions and answers and signed the bottom of each page. I witnessed his signature as did [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Interview concluded at 12.01. Interview recorded on 2 pages which I produce as JW/15.

He was then given the facility of the use of the phone.

On Wednesday 6.6.79 at 2pm at Rochester Row Police Station in Room G 15 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed P.C.

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 6-2  
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS  
(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of.....

under caution, in the presence of of  
& co. Solicitors and myself. I made a contemporaneous  
record of questions and answers made on 70 pages and at the con-  
clusion read each question and answer and initialled the  
same. He signed the bottom of each page. I witnessed his signa-  
ture. I produce the record as JW/16. All breaks noted. At  
4.49pm took over the questioning 'til the con-  
clusion at 5.46pm, interview terminated at 7.15pm. During  
the interview Exhibit IS/1 produced.

On Thursday 7.6.79 at Rochester Row Police Station at 4.22pm  
in the presence of of & Co., solicitors  
interviewed under caution, in my presence.

I made a contemporaneous record of questions and answers made  
on 22 sheets of paper. At the conclusion read each  
question and answer, initialled the same and signed the bottom of  
each page. I witnessed his signature, as did. Inter-  
view recorded on 22 sheets of paper, which I produce as Exhibit  
JW/17. Concluded 5.50pm

Signature witnessed by.....  
2363

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Statement of...  
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21  
Occupation of Witness...  
Address and Telephone Number... New Scotland Yard  
London SW1

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

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1979

Signed [Redacted]  
Signature witnessed by [Redacted]

On Tuesday 5th June 1979 at 8.40 pm at Barnes Police Station,  
[Redacted] CIB(2) entered the Women Police Locker Room wherein  
[Redacted] was seated. In my presence [Redacted]  
[Redacted] engaged [Redacted] in conversation after initial conversation  
commenced I made notes of what was said. [Redacted] said, 'You  
were out of the vehicle'. [Redacted] said, 'I don't know'. [Redacted]  
[Redacted] said, 'You were out of the vehicle at the junction with  
Beechcroft Avenue'. [Redacted] said, 'I'm sure I stayed in the vehicle  
a moment ago I didn't know'. [Redacted] You didn't know'.  
[Redacted] said, 'I think I was in the vehicle'. [Redacted] said,  
'In the vehicle you have an alibi, whereas out of the vehicle you  
wouldn't have it'. [Redacted] said, 'Anything I said to you it stands'.  
[Redacted] said, 'Do you understand the position'. [Redacted]  
[Redacted] said, 'Yes sir'. [Redacted] said, 'All I want is the truth, the  
vehicle was empty so please'. [Redacted] said, 'I'm trying too hard

Signature [Redacted] Signature witnessed by [Redacted]  
\*Delete as applicable.

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

in try to remember what happened at that junction'. [REDACTED] said, 'You were out of the vehicle. The vehicle was empty'. [REDACTED] said, 'I realise it's serious. I've tried all ways to remember'. [REDACTED] said, 'But you're not blind'. [REDACTED] said, 'I've tried hard to remember what happened, the whole day was confusion'. [REDACTED] said, 'Of course there was confusion.' [REDACTED] said, 'I can't remember if I got out at that specific place. I've tried hard to remember'. [REDACTED] said, 'The vehicle was empty. This was a serious disturbance.' [REDACTED] said, 'I tried to remember. I firmly believe the driver should stay with the vehicle. If I was out, I don't know what I was doing. It could have been appertaining to the vehicle'. [REDACTED] said, 'What about [REDACTED] and his prisoner. He had to get into the vehicle.' [REDACTED] said, 'If I shut the doors, got out to shut the doors. I don't remember'. [REDACTED] said, 'But you got out of the vehicle'. [REDACTED] said, 'I didn't sir'. [REDACTED] said, 'You were out of it'. [REDACTED] said, 'I said before to my recollectio I stayed in the vehicle. If I say I got out, I don't know. If I got out it was only a thought to shut the doors.' [REDACTED] said, 'Would it be to shove people away'. [REDACTED] said, 'The front and side of me no one near the vehicle'. [REDACTED] said, 'Would you help police officers if anyone was interfering'. [REDACTED] said, 'If they did, I didn't'. [REDACTED] said, 'Is there a blank in your mind'. [REDACTED] said, 'No, I've tried to recall'. [REDACTED] said, 'You saw more than what you've told us, it's so obvious, [REDACTED] had a prisoner'. [REDACTED] said, 'If I shut the doors - got out to shut the doors. I don't remember'.

Signed

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said, 'You got out of this vehicle'. [REDACTED] said, 'I didn't sir'. [REDACTED] said, 'If there's an explanation'. [REDACTED] said, 'Everything I can remember I've told the officers. I know you believe that it's me'. [REDACTED] said, 'This occasion. You'll remember this for the rest of your life'. [REDACTED] said, 'Possibly sir, I should remember it'. [REDACTED] said, 'All we need is the truth'. [REDACTED] said, 'I've told you the truth as I remember it'. [REDACTED] said, 'You remember very little. Do you want to think about it a little bit longer. Anyone else on my staff you want to talk to if so tell me who it is'. [REDACTED] said, 'I've told you and your officers all I know. I've wanted to help and I've tried my hardest to help'. [REDACTED] said, 'You're not facing up to reality; question of a rebellious crowd. Blair PEACE died on corner and you were in the best position of all to see what happened and you must have knowledge as to what occurred'. [REDACTED] said, 'I can't add anything I can't add anything sir'. [REDACTED] said, 'Now is the time if there is anything else say so'. [REDACTED] said, 'I stayed with the vehicle'. [REDACTED] said, 'You were with the vehicle and not in it, you weren't in it and policemen say the driver wasn't in it'. [REDACTED] said, 'I definitely didn't go in amongst the crowd'. [REDACTED] said, 'Your vehicle was against the pavement, slewed on'. [REDACTED] said, 'I don't think I was that close'. [REDACTED] said, 'Across diagonally at the junction, practically touching the kerb'. [REDACTED] said, 'I didn't think I was that close'. [REDACTED] said, 'What about this'. (Exhibit JW/ 2 Cosh, shown to [REDACTED] said, 'Been in my coat'. [REDACTED] said, 'How long?' [REDACTED] said, 'Well I forgot it was there sir'. [REDACTED] said, 'You can't forget

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

it was there. If I had a pen in my pocket, I'd know it was there. You've got that in your pocket'. [REDACTED] said 'This truncheon'. (Exhibit JW/3 shown to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said, 'I found it in a police vehicle months ago. Someone left it in there, sometime this side of Christmas'. [REDACTED] said, 'Is that what you told the officers who interviewed you'. [REDACTED] said, 'Yes sir'. Conversation terminated 9.15pm.

Sign

Signature witnessed by

[REDACTED] 92R7

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") Over 21 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... Complaints Investigation

Address and Telephone Number.....  
Bureau  
New Scotland Yard

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

Dated the 11th day of July 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Tuesday 5th June 1979 at about 6.47pm I entered the uniform locker room at Barnes Police Station which is used by officers attached to the Special Patrol Group. I entered the room behind Detective

[REDACTED] As I entered I saw a man whom I now know to be

[REDACTED] He was standing in front of his open locker which was against the wall almost immediately opposite

the door through which we entered. In his right hand he had a blue anorack, Exhibit number CF/4, which was on a hanger. He

appeared to be in the process of either removing or replacing it from or in the locker which was open. As [REDACTED] crossed the

room he told [REDACTED] to leave everything where it was and then told him to put everything back in the locker. [REDACTED] put the anorack

still on the hanger, into the locker on the right hand side of the rail. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] of his intention to search the locker

and [REDACTED] when asked, agreed that it was his locker. [REDACTED] took

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

\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

everything out of his locker including all the clothing. Amongst other items I saw tools, crowbar, jemmy and a whip. I searched all the clothing. At 6.58 pm I searched the blue anorack and in the right hand outside pocket I found what appeared to be a metal and leather cosh. This I later handed to [REDACTED]. It is Exhibit JW/2. Later I saw [REDACTED] find a Driving licence on top of the locker. Later with [REDACTED] watched Police Constable [REDACTED] empty his locker which was situated at the far end of the room adjacent to the second door of the room. At 7.50 pm I saw a sledge hammer handle in bottom of locker, which I produce as Exhibit CF/1. [REDACTED] then produced a sledge hammer from the corner of the room from amongst some sports kit. This is Exhibit CF/2. Between 8.05pm and 8.25pm in the interview room at Barnes Police Station I was present when [REDACTED] questioned [REDACTED] and I made contemporaneous record of the questions and the answers. When the questioning was concluded [REDACTED] read them and signed each page as correct. I produce the record as Exhibit CF/3. On Wednesday 6th June 1979 at 2.40pm at Barnes Police Station I took possession of the blue anorack, Exhibit number CF/4 from the clerk's office and conveyed it to New Scotland Yard. I also saw [REDACTED] take possession of the wheel braces and Tommy bars from the SPG Carrier vehicles at Barnes.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Statement of [REDACTED]  
Age of Witness (if over 21 enter "over 21") 33  
Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]  
Address and Telephone Number New Scotland Yard  
Broadway SW1  
230 4206

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

Dated the 13th day of June, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

On Friday 8th June 1979 at New Scotland Yard I was present during an interview of [REDACTED] warrant no. [REDACTED] by Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED]. Also present during the interview was Mr [REDACTED] Solicitor of Messrs [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] The interview commenced at 4.10 pm and concluded at 6.26 pm after a request by [REDACTED] for a private consultation with [REDACTED]. The interview recommenced at 7.28pm and concluded at 7.30pm. Throughout the interview I made a contemporaneous record of what was said by all persons present. At the conclusion of both parts of the interview I read my record of the interview aloud to [REDACTED]. He also read the record which he signed as being correct. I produce my record of the interview as exhibit no. JS/1. [REDACTED]

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

Interview of [REDACTED] 1 Unit TN  
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] (2)  
at Southall Police Station  
on 25th April 1979  
commenced at 6.33 p.m.  
finished at 6.35 p.m.  
Present Det. Sgt. [REDACTED]

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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. I didn't parade I went to court and met here [REDACTED]

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

A. Not put [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. That is [REDACTED]

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

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number [REDACTED] .....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) ..... 26 years [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness..... Police Constable [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Attached to No 1 Unit, Special  
Patrol Group, Barnes  
876 2352

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 8th day of May . 19 79

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

I am attached to No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group based at Barnes and have been so since about June 1978. The Unit consists of one Inspector [REDACTED] three Sergeants [REDACTED] 27 PC's and one WPC. The system employed on the Unit is that we each have a partner, mine is [REDACTED]. We are posted in pairs by rota to either operator/driver duties, plain clothes patrol duties or uniform patrol duties. The three Sergeants stay with the same carrier all the time [REDACTED] is in charge of Uniform 11, [REDACTED] is in charge of Uniform 12 and [REDACTED] is in charge of Uniform 13. We, the PC's rotate between the carriers doing the duties as detailed above. On Monday 23rd April 1979 the whole unit was posted aid to Southall regarding a National Front Meeting. I believe the unit was to parade at Barnes at 2pm. I did not do so because that day I was employed at Wells St Magistrates' Court with an afternoon job, a 'not guilty' plea for threatening behaviour. [REDACTED] was also giving evidence in the same

Signed..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED] 1717  
\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 68)

Continuation of statement of.....

case and was with me at Court, until the case finished at about 2.45pm. [REDACTED] had the GP car with him and he then drove us to Marylebone Magistrates' Court where we picked up [REDACTED]. He then drove to Southall, just as we arrived near the police station we were overtaken by three carriers in convoy, with blue lights flashing and two tone horns operating. We followed them and it was about that time that we heard on the radio that there were foot serials in the Broadway that required urgent assistance and the use of shields. When the carrier started to deploy their men, we got out of the GP car and went with them. These officers were not from our Unit. I believe they were men from 5 Unit. I stayed with [REDACTED] most of the time. We were in the Broadway on the Hayes side of the police station. The crowd were throwing stones, bricks, bottles and there were a lot of windows smashed. There was also a number of injured officers as well. [REDACTED] and myself got into one of the 5 unit carriers after a short while. We then moved further west in the carrier. Then we got out again when we saw the crowd throwing missiles. At that time I had a shield and [REDACTED] was with me. Shortly after that it became quieter and we walked back towards Southall Police Station where we met up with our own unit. They had just arrived from Feltham where they'd been for operational feeding. When we joined up with them, I think they were parked outside Safeways. I boarded [REDACTED] barrier Uniform 12. I believe [REDACTED] was operating, [REDACTED] was driving and in the back with me was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] We started to patrol north of the Broadway, patrolling as a unit with all three carriers. [REDACTED] as I think, in Uniform 11. We parked up for a while in Parkview Road which is near the police station. Then we moved out of there and parks

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

in the Uxbridge Road. We sat there for quite a while. The crowds were building up, all the time we were sitting there until they were completely covering both pavements for a distance of about 50 yards back from the police cordon that was across the Uxbridge Road. While we were sitting there a couple of bricks hit the carrier but we still stayed in the van. Shortly before half past six, for absolutely no reason whatsoever the crowds on both pavements charged at the police cordons. We got out of the carriers and were directed into the crowd to try to reinforce the cordon and to get the crowd off the cordon. I presume [redacted] gave the instructions but I didn't hear him. I was directed by [redacted]. The crowd started to face back from the cordon, a very large number of them ran into Parkview Road. The unit then came under a very heavy barrage of rocks, housebricks, bottles and some stones. Some officers returned to the carriers and got out the shields. Then they returned to the top of Parkview Road where there was a very serious disturbance going on. I saw [redacted] hit in the face with a housebrick, he was staggering off and then collapsed in the street. [redacted] was hit in the face with a brick and there were a number of Divisional officers wandering around with cuts to their head and face. Everything happened very quickly, I saw [redacted] on the floor with blood on his back. I later found out that he had been stabbed in the back. Nearly all the PC's were being hit by missiles. I saw a man throw a housebrick and went to try and arrest him. I was pulled into the crowd by the Asian and West Indians. I was continually punched and kicked. One man was stabbing me with the tip of an umbrella which went through my raincoat. My raincoat was pulled up over my head, my helmet came off, my gloves were pulled off my hands. I was eventually pulled from the crowd by [redacted]. I was very dazed so I went back out

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

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]  
 into the main Uxbridge Road. A minute or two later I saw a helmet thrown out of the crowd and found it was mine. I then went into the churchyard on the corner of Parkview Road, and it was there that a brick was thrown at me, and I arrested an Asian youth. I took him to a carrier and put him inside. There were a number of other officers with prisoners in there, some from my Unit but I don't remember who had the prisoners. I stayed with my prisoner until we arrived at Southall Police Station. There arrangements were made for my prisoner to be transferred to West End Central Police Station and I went with him in a grey/green coach. I was there until some time after 1 am when I eventually finished my dealings with the prisoner. I was picked up by [REDACTED] who had been dealing with a prisoner at West End Central. I understood that [REDACTED] had been dealing with a prisoner at Rochester Row. I then went off duty. The next day the unit was posted to Central London Security, late turn. I went to Harrow Magistrates' Court in the morning and then I went to Barnes where I worked on correspondence in the afternoon and then joined the rest of the unit at 6pm for late turn. [REDACTED] also went to Harrow Court as was at Barnes in the afternoon working on correspondence. I paraded for late turn in uniform, in fact everybody was in uniform. When I got to Barnes on Tuesday morning that would have been about 8.30am, I believe the only people there were the clerk and the typist, myself and [REDACTED]. While we travelled together to Harrow I remember we discussed the previous day's events, but I'm pretty sure that at that stage I didn't know that anyone had died. I believe the first thing I knew about someone dying was when I saw the midday edition of the evening papers. I don't remember discussing it with [REDACTED] on the way back. I was spoken about in the locker room when we were getting

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

ready for duty. There was a general chat about the death and there were copies of the evening papers. I didn't take too much notice because I knew that I had not been in Orchard Avenue. I've remembered now, we were not on Central London Security on Tuesday 24th April 1979, but were posted to Southall Police Station where we sat in the yard all evening, that is until about 9pm or 10 pm when we moved to a yard behind the Conservative Club. Going back a bit we paraded at Barnes at 5pm when we were told that we would be feeding at Feltham at 5.20pm. Just as we were leaving the yard, we were told that we were to go to Southall direct and then shortly after we had started the journey we were told to go there as soon as possible because they thought there was some trouble brewing. We then drove there on two tones and blue lights. The driver was [REDACTED] his operator was [REDACTED]. I think [REDACTED] was with us in the front left seat. I was, I believe in the front right seat. On arrival at Southall the Sergeants went off with [REDACTED] I think. We just sat in the carrier in the yard. At some stage I believe one of the PS's came round asking who he had prisoners the day before and had been away from the unit after a certain time. By this time there were rumours that 1 Unit was going to be interviewed about the death. The conversation was not entirely about the death. After we parked behind the Conservative Club, [REDACTED] who had remained at Southall came and joined us in the car park and told those that had been on duty at the time of the incident would be called up to go to Southall for interview. I didn't know at this stage who was doing the interviewing. We sat there for a while and were then told that the interview would take place on another day. I think we went home just after that. The next day when we paraded for duty, I had already seen the national papers and the wide coverage of it

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

incident. [REDACTED] addressed the unit on parade, he told us that his own recollection was difficult to be precise about and that all he would advise anyone to do was to answer any questions as accurately and as truthfully as possible. I'm paraphrasing what he was saying. I'm not sure that he said this on Wednesday or some other day. He did not address us and ask us if any of us had hit anybody in Orchard Avenue at the time of the incident. While I was there I didn't hear him ask anybody if they had done it. All he said was regarding his recollection of it. He didn't recite his recollection, he merely stated that his recollection ran into itself. On Friday or after we were addressed by a CIB(2) officer who told us that it was a serious matter and in short, asked anyone who felt they might have been responsible to come forward. We were also addressed by [REDACTED] who emphasized the importance of telling the truth and of the honesty of police officers. We were also spoken to by [REDACTED]. At one time, he purely emphasized the need for honesty in the matter and reassured the officers involved: a sort of morale booster.

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Interview of [REDACTED]  
3 unit S.P.G. (J.S.)  
by Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] C.I.B. (2)  
present Det. Sgt. [REDACTED]  
at Southall Police Station  
on Tuesday 24th April 1979  
commenced 9.15pm  
terminated 9.25 pm

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No 3 unit from Leytonstone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Sergeant [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. Not put


Q. Where were you?

A. I arrested [REDACTED] at 7.28pm in the Broadway and I was en route to Wembley Police Station, the charging centre, in another 3 unit vehicle, driven I think [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

P1479

3A.

Q. What time did you leave Weasley  
Police Station ?

A. At about 10.10 - 10.15 pm. 





P1480

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. NOT PUT

Q. Did you have your trancheon drawn?

A. NOT PUT

Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not Put

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

A. Not Put

P1482

6.

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

A. Not Put

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P1483

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

P1484

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not Put

P1485

9.

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

A. Not Put

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10.

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

A. Not Put

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

A. Not Put

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

A. I've read in the newspapers  
I don't know anything else. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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13.

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

A. Not put

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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..... Police Constable.....  
 Address and Telephone Number..... No 3 Unit Special Patrol Group  
 Leytonstone  
 Tel 556 885

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

Dated the 3rd day of May, 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

I have been a member of the Special Patrol Group for three years. I transferred from No 5 unit to No 3 unit on [redacted] On Monday 23rd April 1979 I reported for duty at Leytonstone at about noon - I am not sure exactly what time it was. I am permanently posted to Uniform 21, which is one of three carriers employed on 3 unit. The other two are Uniform 19 and 20. On each carrier there are eight or nine police constables and a sergeant. The carriers are blue transit personnel carriers with double rear wheel base. On my carrier [redacted] was in charge. I was radio operator [redacted] was the driver. We always operate with the same basic crew members, but weekly leaves court duties, etc., some times cause the carrier to have less than the full crew. Other members of the crew on 23rd April to my recollection were [redacted]

[redacted] I believe all the other members were engaged elsewhere at court, annual leave, courses, etc. We drove to Feltham MOD Depot

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

\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**  
(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

where we had a main meal at about 2 pm. After the meal we drove to Southall. Over the main RT set we could hear X-ray control - that is the radio control for Southall operation - directing units as soon as they became available after being fed, to go urgently to Southall. My unit travelled in convoy to Southall and parked up outside a Park which was about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of the police station. The number of calls from control became more frequent and urgent. At about 3.40pm we received instructions over the air, it may have been the main RT or the SPG network, to go to the Broadway urgently. We drove west towards the Broadway and on going round the bend by the police station I could see up in the Broadway towards the Town Hall what appeared to be a riot going on. I saw large numbers of policemen facing west carrying riot shields, completely across the road attempting to protect themselves from a hail of missiles being thrown from the west. The police were the far side of the Town Hall and the crowd of about two hundred were beyond them. The crowd were predominantly Asian type. Bottles, bricks and all sorts of other missiles were being thrown by the crowd at the officers. [REDACTED] was behind the police cordon and he directed our unit carriers through the cordon of officers. My carrier was behind another. I can't remember seeing where our third carrier was at the time. I put the two-tone horns on, the blue flashing light was already on. As we went through the cordon the majority of the mob ran in all directions. I saw a man throw a brick at the carrier, but it missed. We stopped beyond the cordon and I leaped out of the carrier's front nearside operator's door. I know [REDACTED] also jumped out and probably other crew members. I arrested the man I saw throw the brick [REDACTED] aged about 21 years. I took him into my carrier after a struggle, with another

Signed [REDACTED] witness by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of... [REDACTED]

officer assisting me. Without referring to my notes of arrest in my incident report book, I can't remember the other officer's name. I think the arrest was at 3.50pm. There were no other prisoners in my carrier. I believe we then drove up and down the Broadway for a few minutes. The crowd had broken up and the missiles had stopped. G carrier then drove to Southall police station and dropped me off with my prisoner. We then got into a police van with other officers and prisoners and were taken to Wembley, the charging centre. I was engaged with my prisoner until I got a lift back to Southall police station in a GP car, arriving back about 6.30pm. I learned that my unit was in the Broadway and I went up and joined it. We were not in the carriers, but in small groups on the Broadway. We moved around from spot to spot in the same general area, which was close to the junction with Alexandra Avenue and near Barretta shoe shop. There was a police cordon to the east up near the Town Hall controlling a crowd of hundreds of people, west of the cordon. There was a divisional serial of police officers across the Broadway near my unit about 100 yards west of the other cordon. A crowd began to build up to the west of us. I could see a number of Asian types going amongst the crowd nearest the Town Hall apparently trying to whip them up, get them agitated. They were generally shouting and the crowd became hostile, from time to time. There were some skirmishes between odd members of the crowd and police. I did not see missiles thrown at this time. I was chatting amongst various members of my unit. The crowd to the west of us although mostly Asian had a number quite a few white men and women. Most were wearing anti-Nazi league yellow badges. Some carried placards. I think there was a serial where I was standing with riot shields. Truncheons were not used. The mood

Signed [REDACTED]

are witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

of the crowd was gradually becoming hostile. At about 7.20pm - 7.25pm an order was given by an Inspector - I don't know who - to get the crowd to our west either to disperse or to go through to the crowd to our east. I believed the reason for the order to be to prevent police being out off between two hostile crowds. I assisted [REDACTED] to arrest a man [REDACTED] initially for highway obstruction and whilst he was being arrested for attempting to stab [REDACTED] with a screwdriver he had in his hand. After a violent struggle he was placed in one of the SPG vans either U19 or U20. I got in with him and [REDACTED]. The prisoner was handcuffed to the seat and we stayed with him for a few minutes. Other prisoners and Divisional officers were also in the van. One of our Sergeants then came up and [REDACTED] left the van. I stayed with the prisoner. The arrest was at about 7.30pm and I went with the van to Wembley. The van had been parked in Broadway outside Barretts facing west. We drove off westwards to go to Wembley. [REDACTED] was the driver. At the time we left the atmosphere was getting tense and that was the main reason for leaving without waiting for Divisional transport. I was engaged at Wembley until about 10pm and got a lift back by Panda arriving at Southall about 10.30pm - 10.45pm. I called up my carrier from the station and arranged to be picked up at the Town Hall. By this time the crowds were all gone. When I was picked up [REDACTED] was still driving I think all the crew were still present. The main topic of conversation seemed to be about [REDACTED] one of my unit from another carrier who had apparently stopped a brick with his face. One of my crew said the carrier had been ambushed. The carrier had numerous dents all over it which had not been there when I had previously left it. At no time while I was on duty was any order given to draw

Sign

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 68)

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

Trunchsons. My carrier had three riot shields on it which is the usual quota. At no time during my tour of duty did I go into Beechcroft Avenue or Orchard Avenue neither did members of my carrier whilst I was with it.

Sign [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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Interview of : [REDACTED]

by : DC [REDACTED]

at : Room 236, Southall Police Station

on : 24th April, 1979, 11.08 pm.

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

Yes, sir. [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

Q. "Which Unit were you with ?".

A. One unit

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Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. My sergeant was Ps [REDACTED] and Inspector [REDACTED]


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

A. Approximately that time sir yes [REDACTED]


Q. Did you get out of the carrier?

A. No [REDACTED]

Q. "Did you have protective shields?"

A. "Not asked" 

Q. "Did you have your truncheon drawn?"

A. "Not asked" 



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5.

Q. "Did you use your truncheon?"

A. Not asked

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

A. Not asked.



P1500

6.

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

7. Not asked.



P1501

Q.

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

A. Now asked.

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

A. Now asked.



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Q. "Describe what happened in that situation?"

A. Not asked



P1503

9.

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

A. Not asked.





P1504

10.

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

A. No sir.

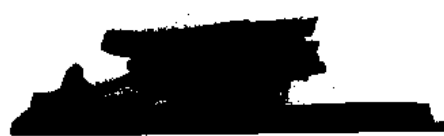


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31.

- C. "What further information can you give surrounding the incident about 6pm on 23 April 1979 at Beechcroft Avenue, junction with Orchard Avenue?"


A. Not asked.



P1506

12.

6. "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?"

7. No Sir 



P1507

13.

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

Not asked.



**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Attached Wembley Police Station  
(900 7434)

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

Dated the 11th day of July, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Wednesday 11th July, 1979 I was on duty in full uniform when at 4.5pm in the Section House Sergeant's Office at Wembley Section House in the presence of [REDACTED] (of [REDACTED] (Solicitors) [REDACTED] London [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] I.B.(2) I interviewed [REDACTED] attached to Epsom Police Station and [REDACTED] attached to S.P.G. Staines. I said to [REDACTED] producing form 620 (Exhibit LB/1) which had been signed by him dated 10th July, 1979 "Have you read the contents of this form and is this your signature" He replied "Yes" I said "Are you willing to take part in an identification parade" He replied "Yes". I said "You need not say anything but anything you do say in the course of the parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence in subsequent proceedings" I said "Do you wish to have present at this identification parade your Solicitor

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

\*Delete as applicable.

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

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

or friend". He said "Yes. [REDACTED] I then handed [REDACTED] two copies of form 620, one of which he kept and the other (exhibit IR/2) he completed on the reverse side. I said "Have you read and do you understand the contents of this form and are you willing to take part in an identification parade" He said "Yes" He then asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he would look after his interests in this matter and Mr. [REDACTED] agreed. "I said "You need not say anything but anything you do say in the course of the parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence in subsequent proceedings". I said "Do you wish to have present at this identification parade your Solicitor or friend" He said "Yes Mr. [REDACTED] I then explained that the witnesses were being kept in the interview room at the front of the Police station with an officer with each. I explained that the parade would take place in the gymnasium and that they could take up any position they like. I told them that separate parades would be held for each of them and that the witnesses would be kept in separate rooms at the rear of the gymnasium for the second of the two parades. (Earlier at about 2.30pm I had taken Mr. [REDACTED] to see the interview room, gymnasium and the two changing rooms, explained the proceedings and he was satisfied with the arrangements) I then said to [REDACTED] "Your parade will be held first" The men later joined about 30 officers in the gymnasium. I then chose ten Officers including [REDACTED] to stand in a line at the base of the badminton court in front of the stage. on the left of the parade was a large glass door giving plenty of

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

Continuation of statement of.....

light and a window high on the right also giving good light. I then said to the parade and Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you object to any of the persons parading". Mr. [REDACTED] said "Yes" Five Officers were changed from the parade and Mr. [REDACTED] was then satisfied. [REDACTED] had taken up a position ninth from the left. All officers were in full uniform, wearing maces without epaulettes, therefore, no rank or numerals were visible. All wore protective helmets with broad chinstraps down. Apart from the parade and myself, all others were excluded from the gymnasium with the exception of MR. [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] who both stood at the other end of the gymnasium. I said to these assembled "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade" No reply was made. I then placed a battery in my personal radio and said "Ready for the first witness" I then took the battery out [REDACTED] I.B.(2) then brought in a man who gave his details as Mr. [REDACTED] Southall. I said to him "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also nine people who cannot have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw" [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade left to right. Then the back of the parade right to left. Then the back left to right. Then the front right to left. [REDACTED] then shook his head and said "No". He was then taken to the left hand changing room by [REDACTED]. I then said "Anyone wishing to change places on the parade may do so" No person moved. I then placed the battery in my personal radio and said "Second witness please" I then took the battery from the radio. [REDACTED] then brought in a man who gave his details as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Southall. I said "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also nine people who cannot have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw" [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and back again right to left. He shook his head and said "No." D.S. [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] to the right hand changing room at the rear of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade and Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of the parade" No reply was forthcoming. I noted the time of the

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

parade as commencing at 4.32pm and ending at 4.40pm. I took contemporaneous notes of the parade on form 621 (Exhibit LB/3). I then thanked the parade and they adjourned to the canteen. I then went into the canteen and asked for those assembled who had not taken part in a parade to assemble in the gymnasium. TWENTY ONE officers who had been waiting including [REDACTED] then collected in the gymnasium. I selected NINE officers including [REDACTED] to stand in a line as per the previous parade. I then said to the parade and Mr [REDACTED] 'Do you object to any of the persons paraded'. Mr [REDACTED] said, 'Yes'. Six officers were then changed with the group of officers as yet not used. Mr [REDACTED] then expressed his satisfaction with the parade. [REDACTED] had taken up a position fourth from the left. All wore uniform with raincoats with epaulettes removed so that no rank or numerals were visible. All wore protective helmets with broad chinstraps down. Apart from the parade and myself, only Mr [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] were present and they stood at the other end of the gymnasium all other persons having been excluded. I said to those assembled 'Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade'. No reply was made. I then placed a battery in my radio and said 'First witness please'. I then took the battery from the radio. [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED]. I said to him, 'You have been asked here to-day to see if you can pick out the person you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also 8 people who cannot have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw" [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right. The back right to left and the back left to right. He then shook his head and said "No" D.S. [REDACTED] then took him back to the left hand dressing room. I then said "Anyone wishing to change their place on the parade may do so" No one changed places. I then put the battery in my [REDACTED] radio and said "Second witness please" [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] I said to [REDACTED] "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also 8 people who cannot have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 if he should be here. Before you do so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw". [REDACTED] then walked from left to right along the front of the parade and back along the front right to left. He then shook his head and said "No" [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] back to the dressing room on the right hand side of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade and [REDACTED] "Do

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade"  
No one made a reply. I noted the time of the parade as being  
from 4.50pm to 5pm. I took contemporaneous notes of the parade  
on form 621 (Exhibit 1B/4) I then thanked all those assembled  
and they adjourned to the canteen.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
 Occupation of Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address and Telephone Number Attached Wembley Police Station  
(900 7434)

This statement, consisting of 14 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 July, 1979.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

On Wednesday 25th July 1979 I was on duty in full uniform when at about 3pm in the Section House at Wembley in the Visitor's Room, in the presence of Mr \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Solicitors) \_\_\_\_\_ London \_\_\_\_\_ and Detective Chief Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ GIB(2), I interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ attached to Epsom Police Station and \_\_\_\_\_ attached to Barnes Police Station. There was some discussion about the form of the wording of the 'Address to witness by officer in charge of parade' as shown at the foot of page 5 on form 621. It was agreed that the word 'cannot' in line three should be substituted by the words 'might not'. I gave \_\_\_\_\_ two copies of form 620, one of which he kept and the other (Exhibit LA/5) he completed on the reverse side. I said, 'Have you read and do you understand the contents of this form and are you willing to take part in an identification parade'. He said 'Yes'. I said, 'You need not say anything, but anything you do

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Delete as applicable.

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

say in the course of the parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence in subsequent proceedings'. I then said, 'Do you wish to have present at this identification parade your Solicitor or friend'. He said, 'Yes', indicating Mr [REDACTED]. I gave [REDACTED] two copies of form 620 one of which he kept and the other (Exhibit LB/6) he completed on the reverse side. I said, 'Have you read and do you understand the contents of this form and are you willing to take part in an identification parade'. He said, 'Yes'. I said 'You need not say anything but anything you do say in the course of the parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence in subsequent proceedings'. I then said, 'Do you wish to have present at this identification parade your Solicitor or friend'. He said, 'Yes' and indicated Mr [REDACTED]. I then explained that the witnesses were being kept in the 'Specials' office on the first floor of Wembley Police Station which faced away from the Section House and that there was an officer with each witness. I explained that the parade would take place in the gymnasium and that they could take up any position in the parade that they wished. I told them that separate parades would be held for each officer and that the witnesses would go to the changing rooms at the rear of the gymnasium at the end of the first parade. They would then go back to the 'Specials' room and the same procedure would be held for the second parade. I then said to [REDACTED] 'You will be in the first parade'. The two men then went into the canteen and joined other officers. A selection of officers including [REDACTED] were asked to go into the gymnasium. I then chose nine officers including [REDACTED] to stand in a line at the base of the badminton court in front of the stage.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act. 1987, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

On the left of the parade was a large glass door giving plenty of light - bright sunshine, in fact. High on the right hand side is a window also giving good light. I then said to the parade and Mr [REDACTED] 'Do you object to any of the persons on the parade'. Mr [REDACTED] said, 'Yes'. Two officers were then changed from the parade and this satisfied Mr [REDACTED] had taken up a position five from the left. Everyone then left the gymnasium with the exception of the nine officers on the parade, Detective Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] and myself. All officers on the parade were dressed in full uniform wearing raincoats without epaulettes, therefore no rank or numerals were visible. All wore protective helmets with broad chin straps down. Both Mr [REDACTED] and Det. Ch. Supt [REDACTED] sat at the far end of the gymnasium opposite the parade. I then said to all present, 'Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade?' No reply was received. I then placed a battery in my personal radio and said, 'Number three witness please'. I then took the battery out. [REDACTED] GIB(2) then brought in a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED] Avenue, Southall with her was [REDACTED] an interpreter. Through the interpreter I said, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however,

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of.....

I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right, stopped and through the interpreter said, 'No'. She then went to the changing room with [REDACTED] and the interpreter. I then placed a battery in my personal radio and said, 'Witness four'. I then took the battery out. D.S. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then came in with a man who gave his details as Mr [REDACTED] Southall. I said to him 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said, 'No'. He then went with [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. I then put a battery in my personal radio and said, 'Witness Five'. I then took the battery out. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then brought in a man who gave his details as [REDACTED] Orchard Avenue, Southall. I said to him, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 assaulting you. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and back again right to left and said, 'No'. He then went with [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. I then put the battery in my radio and said 'Witness Six'. I then took the battery out. [REDACTED] then brought in a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 assaulting you. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight other people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and then the back of the parade right to left. Then said, 'No'. She then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED] I then put a battery in my radio and said, 'Witness Seven' and then took the battery out. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then came in with a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I said to her 'You have been asked [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 leaving an alleyway and threatened you in Orchard Avenue, Southall. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said, 'No'. She then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED]. I then put the battery in the radio and said 'Witness Eight', and took the battery out. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then brought in a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I said, to her, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, leaving an alleyway and threatened you in Orchard Avenue, Southall. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw.' [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said, 'No I don't recognise any of them'. She then went with [REDACTED] the changing rooms. I then

Signed: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

put a battery in the radio and said, 'Witness Nine' and took the battery out. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then came in with a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED] N5. I said to her, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 who you specifically noticed in Orchard Avenue, Southall. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and back right to left and said, 'No'. She then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED]. I then put the battery in the radio and said, 'Witness Ten', and took the battery out. [REDACTED] CIB(2) then brought in a woman who gave her details as [REDACTED] SW17. I said, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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

Continuation of statement of.....

you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said 'No'. She then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED]. I then said to the parade and Mr [REDACTED] 'Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of the parade'. No reply was made. I noted the time of the parade as commencing at 3.45pm and ending at 4.20pm. I made contemporaneous notes of the parade on forms 621 (Exhibit LB/7). I then dismissed the parade and they went to the canteen. The witnesses and officers with them then went back to the 'Specials' room in Wembley Police Station. Other officers including [REDACTED] then assembled in the gymnasium. I selected nine of these officers including [REDACTED] to stand in a line as the previous parade. I then said to the parade and Mr [REDACTED] 'Do you object to any of the persons paraded?' Mr [REDACTED] said, 'Yes' and three officers were changed. Mr [REDACTED] then said that he was satisfied with the parade. All officers were dressed as before. [REDACTED] took up a position six from the left. Again apart from the parade, Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] and myself all persons were excluded from the gymnasium. I then said to the parade and Mr [REDACTED] 'Do you object to any of the persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade'. No reply was made. I then placed a battery in my radio said 'Witness One', and took out the battery. D.S. [REDACTED] GIB(2) then brought in [REDACTED] Southall. I said, 'You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also eight other people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or -

Signed: [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by: [REDACTED]

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

otherwise clearly indicates any person whom you saw on 23rd April 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw'. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and right to left and said, 'No'. He then went with [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. I then put a battery in the radio and said, 'Witness Three', and took the battery out again. [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] again together with the interpreter. Through him I repeated the address I had given her on the first parade. She walked from left to right in front of the parade and said 'No' after checking again with the interpreter she continued, 'None of them is not here. They were more tall and healthy and some of them had a moustache'. She then went to the changing room with [REDACTED]. I then called by radio using the same routine 'Witness Four'. [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] and I addressed him as I had on the first parade. He then walked from left to right along the front of the parade, shook his head and said, 'No'. He then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED]. In the same manner by radio, I then called 'Witness Five'. [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED]. I addressed him as I had on the first parade. He walked in front of the parade from left to right and back again right to left and said, 'No I'm not quite sure'. He then went to the changing rooms with [REDACTED]. Again I called by radio for 'Witness Six'. [REDACTED] again brought in [REDACTED]. I addressed her in the same manner as before. She then walked along the front of the parade left to right and along the back of the parade right to left. She then said, 'No' and left with [REDACTED].

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

..... Again I called by radio for 'Witness Seven'.  
 returned with ..... I addressed her as before. She walked  
 along the front of the parade from left to right and said, 'No.'  
 She left with ..... I called by radio for 'Witness Eight.'  
 returned with ..... I addressed her as I did on  
 the first parade. She walked from left to right along the front of  
 the parade said, 'No.' and left with ..... I again used the  
 radio and called for 'Witness Nine.' returned with .....  
 I addressed her as I had on the first parade. She walked  
 from left to right then right to left and again left to right along  
 the front of the parade. She said, 'No.' and left with .....  
 I again Used the radio and called for 'Witness Ten.'  
 returned with ..... I addressed her as I had on the first  
 parade and she walked from left to right along the front of the  
 parade stopping for some time in front of each of the officers in  
 turn. She then said, 'No.' and left with ..... I then said  
 to the parade and ..... 'Do you wish to make any comments on  
 the conduct of this parade.' No reply was made. I noted the times  
 of the parade as 4.45pm to 5.22pm. I took contemporaneous notes of  
 the parade on form 621 (Exhibit LE/8). I then dismissed the parade.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_ Over 21  
 Occupation of Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address and Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Attached Wembley Police Station  
 (900 7434)

This statement,\* consisting of 20 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 14th day of August, 19 79 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

On Wednesday 1st August, 1979, I was on duty in full uniform when at 3.59pm in the Visitor's Room of Wembley Section House in the presence of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ (of \_\_\_\_\_, Solicitors, \_\_\_\_\_ London) I interviewed \_\_\_\_\_ attached to Harold Road Police Station, and \_\_\_\_\_ attached to Sutton Police Station. I handed them both Form 620 which I produce Exhibits LB/11 and LB/13. I also handed forms 620 to \_\_\_\_\_ but the parades in respect of these three were cancelled. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ returned Forms 620 completed on the reverse side. I said to both, "Do you wish to have present at this identification parade your Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_"

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

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

or friend. They both indicated that they wanted Mr. [REDACTED] who was present at that time. At 4 pm I said to both of them "You need not say anything but anything you do say in the course of the parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence in subsequent proceedings." I explained that the witnesses were being kept in the M.S.C. room on the first floor of the police station and that there was an officer with each witness. I told them that the parade would take place in the gymnasium and that they could take up any position they wished. I told them that separate parades would be held for each of them and that the witnesses would be kept in the changing rooms at the rear of the gymnasium after each parade, from there they would then be taken back to the M.S.C. room for the start of the next parade. Mr. [REDACTED] had seen these arrangements on a previous occasion and was quite satisfied. Mr. [REDACTED] asked that the wording of the address to the witnesses should be altered so that the third line would read "might not have been involved" instead of "cannot have been involved." This was agreed. These two officers then joined others in the canteen. Shortly after this all officers wearing beards were called from the canteen and [REDACTED] came with them. A line of ten bearded officers was formed from these men on the base line of the badminton court where a large glass door on the left and windows on the right gave a good clear view.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I then said to Mr. [REDACTED] and the parade, "Do you object to any of the persons paraded". Mr. [REDACTED] said "Yes." Two officers were then replaced and Mr. [REDACTED] was then satisfied. [REDACTED] took up a position sixth from the left. All officers were in full uniform, wearing raincoats without epaulettes, therefore, no rank or numerals were visible. All wore protective helmets with broad chinstraps down. Apart from the parade and myself, all others were excluded from the gymnasium with the exception of Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] both of whom were at the opposite end of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade. No reply was made I then used the method I used to call each witness, i.e., to place a battery in my personal radio, call for the witness and then removed the battery. Thus I called for "Witness one". [REDACTED] brought in [REDACTED]. I said to her, "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, assaulting you. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also nine people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**  
(C.J. Act. 1987, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw. I should further add that the suspect did not have a beard on 23rd April, 1979, but now has one".

[REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right, touched number seven from the left.

I said, "Are you sure this is the man?" She said, "Yes."

She was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]

I then called by personal radio for "Witness 2" [REDACTED]

then brought in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (after Mr. [REDACTED] had asked for

Nos. 7 and 9 to change places on the parade - which they did.)

I said to [REDACTED] "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a woman. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also nine people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw. I should further add that

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

the suspect did not have a beard on 23rd April, 1979, but now has one". [REDACTED] then walked from left to right along the front of the parade, then right to left and stopped in front of number 5. He said "That's the man" and touched him on the right shoulder. He was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]. I then called for "Witness 3". [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] Southall. I said to him "You have been brought here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but nine people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw. I should further add that the suspect did not have a beard on 23rd April, 79 but now has one". [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the line from left to right and back again right to left and said "No". He was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]. All the witnesses were then taken back to the M.S.C. room. The parade had started at 4.21 pm and ended at 4.41 pm. I said to [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade?" He replied [REDACTED]

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

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 5B)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

"No, I made contemporaneous notes of the parade on form 621 (Exhibit LB/12). All officers taking part then went into the canteen and all officers "with sideburns" were then called for. These officers, including [REDACTED] then went into the gymnasium. From these officers nine including [REDACTED] were asked to stand in line in the same position as the previous parade. All were dressed as the previous parade. I said to Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you object to any of the persons paraded" Mr. [REDACTED] said, "Yes". Four persons were then replaced with other officers and two changed places. [REDACTED] took up a position third from the left. Mr. [REDACTED] was then satisfied. All persons were then excluded from the gymnasium with the exception of the parade, myself, and Det. Ch.. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] who were at the opposite end of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade". No reply was received. I then called by personal radio for "Witness 3" [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED]. I said to him "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting you. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade, but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 9779

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw".

Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] then pointed out that this witness was attempting to identify an officer he saw "assaulting a man". I then repeated the foregoing address replacing "assaulting you" with "Assaulting a man".

[REDACTED] said, "Yes I was just going to tell you that". He then walked from left to right of the line, right to left, left to right, right to left, then left to right. Stopped at number nine, touched him and said, "That's the man." I said, "Is that the man" [REDACTED] said "Yes"

He was then taken to the changing rooms at the rear of the gymnasium by [REDACTED] I said to the parade and [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade." Mr. [REDACTED] said "No." All officers then went into the canteen. The parade had started at 5 pm and ended at 5.7pm. I took contemporaneous notes on Form 621 which I produce Exhibit LE/14. On Thursday 9th August, 1979, in the Visitor's Room of Wembley Section House in the presence of Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Solicitors, of [REDACTED] London, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

of [REDACTED] (Solicitors), [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], I saw [REDACTED] Barnes Police  
 Station, [REDACTED] of Notting Hill  
 Police Station, [REDACTED] of Brixton Police  
 Station, and [REDACTED] of Notting Hill Police  
 Station. At 4.4. pm I served them all with two Forms 620.  
 They each completed the reverse of one form and returned  
 it to me. These I produce respectively Exhibits LE/15,  
 LE/16, LE/17 and LE/18. I then said to them all "Have you  
 read and do you understand these forms" They all replied  
 "Yes." [REDACTED] after some discussion with his  
 Solicitor). I said "Are you all willing to go on an I/D  
 parade". [REDACTED] again after discussion with his  
 solicitor) All said "Yes." I said "Do you wish to have  
 present on this identification parade your Solicitor or  
 friend. [REDACTED] said  
 "Mr. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED]  
 was on the premises and he deputised Mr. [REDACTED] to take  
 his place. At 4.14 pm I said to all four "You need not  
 say anything but anything you do say in the course of the  
 parade will be recorded and may be given in evidence  
 in subsequent proceedings" I then explained that witnesses  
 would be kept in the M.S.C. room on the first floor of  
 the police station and that an officer would be with each  
 witness. That I would call for witnesses by number  
 (1 to 5) and that this would be done by personal radio

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

and that a battery would be placed in the radio only for the duration of that one call and would then be removed. That after each witness had been before a parade, would be taken to the dressing rooms at the rear of the gymnasium. That the parade would be held in the gymnasium. That they (the suspects) should go into the canteen and join the other officers who would be called from the canteen. The parades would be held in the order of calling for "sideburns", "Beards", "Moustaches" and "V,W,Q, and T" Districts and that they should come in when their group was called. [REDACTED] had made it known that he was afraid to give his name on the parade as it was known from newspaper reports. It was agreed that on the parade he would give his details as [REDACTED]. They were all told that they could take up any position in the parade they wished and could change position in between each witness. The four P.C.'s then went into the canteen to join the other officers. All officers with "sideburns" were then called into the gymnasium with [REDACTED] present. It became apparent that [REDACTED] had grown his sideburns very much longer since 23rd April, 1979 and the other officers who had attended to help in the parade had much shorter sideburns. All concerned were then sent back into the canteen. All officers from "V,W,Q and T" Districts were then called for and these officers including [REDACTED] were assembled in the gymnasium. From those present I asked

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

nine officers including [REDACTED] to take up a position as previous parades. I then asked Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you object to any of the persons paraded" He said "Yes". Two persons were then changed. [REDACTED] took up a position 5th from the left. Mr. [REDACTED] then asked for numbers 5 and 6 to change places with numbers 3 and 4. This was done, making [REDACTED] number 3 from the left. I had by then excluded all from the gymnasium with the exception of the parade, myself and Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] who were at the other end of the gym. I then said to the parade. "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade." No reply was received. As previously described I then called for "Witness 3" (the first two [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] not being needed on this parade). [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] Southall, They were accompanied by an interpreter Mr. [REDACTED] through whom all communication with [REDACTED] was made, I said "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 assaulting a man, or who was present when the man was assaulted. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also 8 people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw [REDACTED]"

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

on 23rd April, 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so however, I should point out that the person may not be here and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw". [REDACTED] then walked from left to right and said "No". She was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]. I then called by radio for "Witness 4". [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] Southall, I said to [REDACTED] exactly what I had said to [REDACTED]. He then walked along the front of the line from left to right and said "No." He was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]. I then called by radio for "Witness 5". [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED]. I said to [REDACTED] exactly what I had said to the previous witness. [REDACTED] then walked from left to right along the front of the parade, stopping for some time in front of each officer. She reached the end and said "No." She was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]. I then said to [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade". Mr. [REDACTED] said "No." All witnesses then went back to the M.S.C. room and the officers to the canteen. The parade started at 4.50pm and concluded at 5.12 pm. I made contemporaneous notes on Form 621 which I produce Exhibit LB/19. All officers with "moustaches" were then called from the canteen into the gymnasium and [REDACTED] came with them. Ten officers

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Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1987, ss. 2, 3; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

including [REDACTED] were asked to take up the position of the previous parade. I then said to Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you object to any of the persons paraded?" He said, "Yes" One member of the parade was replaced. [REDACTED] took up a position EIGHTH from the left. I then excluded all from the gymnasium with the exception of the parade, myself and Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] who were at the opposite end of the gym. I then said to the parade "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade." No reply was received. By radio I then called for "Witness one" [REDACTED] then brought in Mr. [REDACTED] Southall. I addressed him exactly as I had the previous witness on the previous parade. [REDACTED] then walked from left to right and right to left of the front of the parade and said "No." He then went with [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. I then called for "Witness two". [REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] Southall. I said to him exactly what I said to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and along the back of the parade from right to left and said "No." I then saw [REDACTED] take [REDACTED] through to the rear changing room "Witness three" I called over the radio. [REDACTED] and interpreter Mr. [REDACTED] brought in [REDACTED] As before, through the interpreter I addressed [REDACTED] exactly as the previous witness. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of [REDACTED]

Signed .....

Signature witnessed by

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

the parade from left to right and said "No." She went with the interpreter and [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. I then called by radio for "Witness four"

[REDACTED] then brought in [REDACTED] I addressed him exactly as the last witness. [REDACTED]

then walked from the left to the right of the parade and said "No." He then went with [REDACTED] to the rear changing rooms. I called by radio for "Witness five"

[REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] I addressed her exactly as the last witness. [REDACTED]

then walked from left to right in front of the parade, pausing for some time directly in front of each officer.

At the far end of the parade she stopped and said "No."

She was then taken to the changing rooms by [REDACTED]

and then all witnesses were taken to the M.S.C. room. I said to Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade" He said "No." All the officers then went back to the canteen. The parade had commenced at 5.21 pm and ended at 5.45 pm. I took contemporaneous notes on Forms 621 which I produce as Exhibit LB/20. All

officers "With beards" were then called from the canteen into the gymnasium and [REDACTED] was among those. Nine officers including [REDACTED] were then asked to line up as the previous parade. I then said to Mr. [REDACTED]

"Do you object to any of the persons paraded" He said

"Yes." One member of the parade was then exchanged and

Mr. [REDACTED] satisfied. [REDACTED] took up a position SEVENTH

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

from the left. I then excluded all from the gymnasium with the exception of the parade, myself and Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] who were at the opposite end of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade and the other two "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade". No reply was made. By radio I then called for "Witness one" [REDACTED] brought in Mr. [REDACTED]. I said "You have been brought here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, assaulting a man or was present when the man was assaulted. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade who was not wearing a beard on 23rd April, 1979, but is now wearing one, but also eight people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is the person you saw." [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and returned right to left and said "No Sir". [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] through to the changing rooms. I then called by radio for "Witness two". [REDACTED] then brought back Mr. [REDACTED]. I addressed him exactly as I did the last witness. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

and along the back of the parade from right to left.

He then said "No." [REDACTED] then took him into the changing rooms. I then called by radio for "witness 3"

[REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] and the interpreter [REDACTED] through whom I spoke to

[REDACTED] I addressed her exactly as the last witness.

She then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said "No Sir". Then they went into the rear

changing rooms. By radio I then called for "witness four".

[REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] I

addressed him exactly the same as the last witness. He then

walked along the front of the parade from left to right and

said "No." [REDACTED] then took him to the changing rooms.

By radio I then called for "witness five". [REDACTED]

then brought back [REDACTED] I addressed her

exactly the same as the previous witness. She walked along

the front of the parade from left to right, stopping in front

of each officer in turn. She reached the end of the line and

said "No." She was then taken to the changing rooms by

[REDACTED] All witnesses were then returned to the

M.S.C. room. I said to Mr. [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any

comments on the conduct of this parade." He said "No."

All taking part in the parade then went into the canteen.

The parade had started at 5.55pm and ended at 6.19pm

I made contemporaneous notes on Forms 621 which I produce

Exhibit LB/21. By this time [REDACTED] had shaved his very long

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

sideburns to just below his ears. All officers "with sideburns" were then called from the canteen into the gymnasium including [REDACTED]. Ten officers including [REDACTED] were asked to line up as before. All dressed as before. I said to Mr. [REDACTED] representing Mr. [REDACTED] of NICHOLLS CRISTIE & CROCKER "Do you object to any of the persons paraded?" He said "No." I then excluded all from the gymnasium except the parade, myself and Det. Ch. Supt. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] who were at the other end of the gymnasium. I then said to the parade. "Do you object to any of the other persons being present who are not on the parade or to any of the arrangements for the parade?" No reply was made. By radio I then called for "Witness one" [REDACTED] had taken up a position sixth from the left) [REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED]. I said to him "You have been asked here today to see if you can pick out the person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979, assaulting a man or was present when the man was assaulted. I should first explain that not only is there a suspect on this parade but also nine people who might not have been involved. I am going to ask you in a moment to walk along the line and to touch or otherwise clearly indicate any person whom you saw on 23rd April, 1979 if he should be here. Before doing so, however, I should point out that the person you saw may not be here, and you should touch or indicate someone only if you are quite sure that he is

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the person you saw" [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and then right to left and said "No Sir". [REDACTED] then took him through to the changing rooms. I then called by radio for "Witness two" [REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] I addressed [REDACTED] exactly as I had the last witness. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and right to left of the back of the parade. He then said "No." [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] through to the changing rooms. By radio I called for "Witness three". [REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] with the interpreter [REDACTED]. Through the interpreter I addressed [REDACTED] exactly as I did the previous witness. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right and said "No." [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] to the changing rooms. By radio I then called for "Witness four" [REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] I addressed him exactly as the previous witness. He then walked from left to right of the front of the parade and said "No." [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] through to the changing rooms. I then called on the radio for "Witness five" [REDACTED] then brought back [REDACTED] I addressed her exactly as I did the previous witness. [REDACTED] then walked along the front of the parade from left to right, stopping in front of each member of the parade in turn. Reaching

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

the end she said "No." [REDACTED] then took [REDACTED] through to the changing rooms. I said to [REDACTED] "Do you wish to make any comments on the conduct of this parade. He replied "No." The parade had started at 6.40 pm and ended at 7.5 pm. On every parade all taking part had been dressed in full uniform with protective helmets with broad chinstraps down and epaulettes had been removed from the raincoats which all were so that no rank or numerals were visible. I kept contemporaneous notes on Forms 621 which I produce Exhibit 1E/22. Although daylight was good on 9th August, 1979, all the lights in the gymnasium had also been turned on.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of.....  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) 32 years.....  
 Occupation of Witness.....  
 Address and Telephone Number Attached to No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group  
 Barnes

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 29th day of May 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April 1979 I reported for duty at Barnes Police Station at about 2pm where I am attached to No 1 Unit, Special Patrol Group.

..... is in charge of the Unit and my partner is..... That day I was assigned with..... to U13. Also on U13 was.....

..... and I think..... We went to Feltham for operational feeding then went to Southall. We got involved in a very serious disturbance near the junction of Uxbridge Road and Parkview Road. We were initially told to patrol as a Unit on the east side of the police station. After a while we parked up in Parkview Road facing Uxbridge Road beside what I thought was a squat. There were a lot of West Indians in the house who appeared to be hostile. Shortly after this we moved the three carriers into the Uxbridge Road and parked in the centre facing east. Our carrier crew got out to assist 4 or 5 PO's who were trying to keep the crowds off the road and on to the footway. The other carrier crews got out a couple of times

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

\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

when we became pressed, but as soon as the people were back on the footways they got back in their carriers. Then we went behind the crowd on the north side of Uxbridge Road where we suspected that the demonstrators were knocking a wall down for ammunition. We also told a Superintendent about it. Shortly after that [REDACTED] pulled us out of this position as he felt we were vulnerable there. A Divisional sergeant then came up and went up Parkview Road; we were back in the centre of Uxbridge Road at this time. Shortly after this the Divisional sergeant left, where they went to I don't know. Shortly after that the crowd from both sides of the road converged into the roadway itself and advanced on the police cordon that was across Uxbridge Road about 25 yards east of the police station. Then it was just a question of pushing them back on to the footway, away from the cordon. I was basically on my own, although of course, other officers were present and I ended up in Parkview Road. Just into this road I saw a PC being hit by a very large West Indian. I went to his assistance and got punched in the mouth by him. I caught him round the neck by a lamp post and at that time was stabbed in the back. I'm not sure but I think it was a Rastafarian West Indian wearing a donkey jacket with a multi-coloured hat. Two of our lads pulled me away and took me to a carrier. From there I was taken to the Baling Hospital and detained for several hours. Later that evening I was taken from the hospital to Southall by [REDACTED] where I stayed in the station for a short while before [REDACTED] took me to Barnes. The next day I reported certificated sick with my injuries and did not resume until Monday 21st May 1979. During the period that I was off sick I saw [REDACTED] and two lads from 2 Unit come down to see me. We talked about the incident mainly about how

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 2270

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

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

violent it had been and how we had lacked assistance on the day.  
There was little or no talk about the dead man because frankly I  
deliberately avoided talking about it. [REDACTED]

Signature..... [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED] 2271

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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) Over 21.....  
Occupation of Witness Police Constable.....  
Address and Telephone Number attached to Special Patrol Group  
Barnes Police Station

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

Dated the 5 day of June 1979.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

Further to my statement of the 29th May, 1979, regarding the Southall incident. I was today present at Barnes Police Station when my locker was searched by..... of G.I.B.(2) and a case opener was recovered. This has been marked Exhibit ANL/1. The opener is owned by me and I bought it some 3 or 4 years ago for a job at home. When I was moved to the Special Patrol Group I was asked on one occasion about a year ago if I had one as it was very useful when doing searches at premises when the occupants would not open the door. I brought my case opener into work where it has been kept since and I personally have used it on two occasions. However it is quite possible that other Officers in our group have used it on other occasions. I am quite positive that my case opener was in my locker at work on the 23rd April, 1979. I certainly did not have it at Southall

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

\*Delete as applicable.

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

Continuation of statement of.....

with me that day.

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
 Occupation of Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address and Telephone Number 1 Unit, SPG  
 Barnes  
 876 2352

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

Dated the 8th day of May, 1979.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

I have a total of 7 years police service and was posted to the Special Patrol Group just over a year ago. On Monday 23rd April 1979 I paraded at Barnes at 2pm for duty at Southall. I was assigned to Carrier U13. We went initially to Feltham where we were fed. Shortly after we had finished our meal we went to the Railway Station to assist 3 Unit SPG who were being stoned by demonstrators. Having dealt with that incident we were then involved in one or two other minor skirmishes. At 6.30pm at Southall Park I arrested \_\_\_\_\_ for assault on police. The prisoner and myself were conveyed to Hayes (IA) and I remained with him until he was charged at 7.45pm. We ran into transport troubles at Hayes and eventually we were taken back to Southall in the Hayes Van and arrived there shortly after 9pm. A number of divisional officers were also conveyed back to Southall aboard the van as were \_\_\_\_\_. I rejoined my carrier U13, at Southall Police Station between 9.30pm and 10. pm. We went directly for \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Delete as applicable. 2267

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

[REDACTED]  
a meal provided by the Metropolitan Police Catering Services and resum  
patrol within half an hour of that. By this time the demonstration  
was virtually over. I remained on duty until I was transported back  
to Barnes and booked off duty at 2am. I heard that a man had died  
during the demonstration the day after and I have not heard anything  
since then that could assist enquiries in that direction.

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 [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group

Barnes Police Station

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

Dated the 5th day of June, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

I would like to explain the origin of the Wooden Handle which was found by [REDACTED] when he searched my clothing locker at 8.20pm to-night and which has been exhibited as AML/3. About four months ago the unit raided a coloured club called NUTMEG Club in Ealing. All the occupants of the club were asked to leave and towards the end of the operation I saw the wooden handle lying in the street. To prevent its use for any unlawful purpose I picked it up and put it in the carrier. There was no suggestion whatsoever that it had been used for any unlawful purpose that evening and I simply treated it as debris which was best removed to prevent its being used. On returning to the station to book off I put the wooden handle in my locker where it has remained until tonight. I did not consider it of any intrinsic value and therefore did not treat it as property found. I would add that I was not on duty at Southall on 23rd April, 1979 as on that date I was on an observation

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

on behalf of [REDACTED] and this took me no where near Southall. I keep my locker locked and it has not been removed by me, nor to my knowledge by anyone else since I left it there after the Ealing Club raid. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_  
Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
Occupation of Witness \_\_\_\_\_  
Address and Telephone Number Attached to  
Hammersmith Police Station FD

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

Dated the 27 day of April, 1979.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

I have a total of four years police service and have been stationed at Hammersmith Police Station since joining. On Monday 23 April 1979 I paraded for duty at about 12.45pm with a number of other officers including \_\_\_\_\_. Our duties that day were to cover the National Front meeting and counter demonstration at Southall. Sometime during the early evening I was standing with \_\_\_\_\_ in South Road junction with Beaconsfield Road when I saw a middle aged, about 30 years, Asian, with dark hair which came just below his ears. He approached \_\_\_\_\_ wearing and threatening him. I cannot remember his actual words. I do remember him saying to \_\_\_\_\_ "Hit me". He carried on this behaviour and then shortly walked away. I don't recall that \_\_\_\_\_ said anything to him. There

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

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

Continuation of statement of.....

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were a small group of Asians who I believe were Post Office workers standing nearby who would have witnessed this incident.

I have been shown a copy of the "Daily Express" newspaper dated Wednesday 25 April 1979 exhibit DCSD/1. I have been asked

by ..... to look through this newspaper to see if I can recognise any person shown therein who was at the demonstration and in particular the man who threatened

..... I have looked through the newspaper and do not recognise anyone.

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Interview of : [REDACTED]

by : D.C.I. [REDACTED]

at : Room 236, Southall Police Station

on : 24th April, 1979, 10.20 p.m.

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

A.

Yes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P1555

2.

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

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A. Yes I was. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. No. 1 Unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2225

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. Inspector [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes, I was.

Q. Did you get out?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P1557

4.

Q. Did you have protective shields?

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have your truncheon drawn?

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

Q. Did you use your trenchon?

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

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8.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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9.

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

A.

No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2232

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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]

P1564

11.

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

A. Not asked. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2234

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. I can't think of anything. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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

A. [REDACTED]

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P1567

(Dark Hair, Glasses)

Interview of [REDACTED]  
By [REDACTED]  
at [REDACTED]  
on 25.4.79  
commenced at 7.20 pm  
finished at 7.25 pm

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

A Barnes 1 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

A. NO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

I am armed and do not carry my truncheon

It is in my locker at Barnes [REDACTED]

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

A. YES [REDACTED]

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

Truncheons retained on 26th April 1979 [REDACTED]

Truncheon seized by [REDACTED]

Exhibit number .. [REDACTED] .....

Q. What was the call sign of your carrier on 23.4.79?

Q. V 13 [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out of the carrier in Besscroft or Orchard Avenue

A. No [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

the Police Station. I would estimate that there were in excess of 1,000 people around the area. In the first place they were not hostile and I noticed some stewards keeping control. There was general shouting and slogan chanting, but no signs of violence. We had taken off our wrist watches as per instructions, so it is difficult to estimate time. At about 5.30pm I saw two West Indian types taking turns to speak to the crowd through a megaphone. They were circulating through the crowd. My carrier was in the centre of Uxbridge Road, the officers de-bussed, attempting to keep the crowds on the footpaths. The other two carriers were parked nearby on-bused, The first West Indian tried to make the crowd to break through the Police Cordon and attempts were made to do so, but the crowd were held back by Police and stewards. The mood of the crowd became more militant, encouraged by the two West Indians. The second West Indian, wearing a fawn peaked hat, then spoke to the crowd and told them to attack the Police and that they would be arrested anyway so they should make it worthwhile. The crowd, which were mainly Asians, responded by rushing the unit and the cordon. My unit were being punched and kicked by the crowd. We were generally caught up in the crowd and had to struggle to get back behind the Police cordon. I did not notice any missiles being thrown until we were back behind the cordon. There bricks, bottles and other objects were rained on Police and demonstrators from the area of the church and park. I noticed two of my unit were injured. It would have been about 6.30pm. I made my way back to my carrier and with members of my unit dispersed the missile throwers in the

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

park. A number of arrests were made. There were a lot of other incidents in the area up until about 7pm, when the crowd had dispersed. My unit re-grouped in our 3 carriers, minus any officers with prisoners. We then went to a number of urgent assistance calls from other Police units in the same area. There were then a number of calls to the other side of the Town Hall, to streets off the Broadway. At sometime just before 8pm we received an urgent assistance call to officers of 3 unit SPG at Beachcroft Avenue, junction with Broadway. At the time I believe we were in the Broadway but to the east of a police cordon. All three carriers went round the back streets and approached the Broadway from the Hayes direction. My carrier was third in line. As we passed the Jet Petrol Garage my carrier was struck by two missiles being thrown from that area. We did not stop to arrest the offenders, who were white youths but continued to the urgent call. As we approached the junction with Beachcroft Avenue I saw Police Officers behind shields facing from Broadway up Beachcroft Avenue. A hail of missiles were being rained on them from Beachcroft Avenue and some missiles were landing in the junction. The two units in front of me I believe went into Beachcroft. My carrier was stopped in the junction by PC [REDACTED] a 3 Unit SPG Officer. As a result the carrier was turned about and we tried to find a back street way to get to the other end of Beachcroft Avenue. I had seen numerous missiles coming from halfway down Beachcroft Avenue. My carrier took the first turning on the left but unfortunately there was no way through to Beachcroft. After a couple of minutes we returned to Beachcroft junction with Broadway and all appeared quiet. I heard over the RT that the

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

units were re-grouping, so I didn't take my carrier into Beachcroft Avenue at that time. I think we remained on general patrol for some while. We did not de-bus in the junction of Broadway and Beachcroft. I didn't see any further trouble in the area. We directed a number of groups of Asian and white youths to leave the area and go home. We went for refreshment at 8.30 - 9pm in a mobile canteen in Greenford Avenue. I remember when we first arrived at the urgent assistance call in the Broadway that the officers in the junction had moved forward with the shields into Beachcroft as we arrived. They were going at walking pace. I didn't see any officer running, but did see some of the crowd run for a short distance in Beachcroft before stopping to throw further missiles. The whole incident is not clear.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 6B)

Statement of [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21 [REDACTED]

Occupation of Witness [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number attached to Special Patrol Group  
Barnes Police Station

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

Dated the 5th day of June, 1979.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

Further to my statement of the 8th May, 1979 regarding the death of Balir PEACH. I was today (5.6.79) present at Barnes Police Station in Room 111 when at about 7pm Detective Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] and Detective Chief Inspector [REDACTED] searched my locker and took possession of two Metropolitan Police short truncheons. I was also present when these officers took possession of a further long truncheon from our stationery cupboard in the same room. These three truncheons have been marked Exhibits NB/1&2&3. The two truncheons in my locker (NB/1 and NB/2 - both short) have been officially issued to me. NB/1 was issued in January, 1976 when I was first posted to the Special Patrol group and I have had it since. NB/2 was issued to me on the 25th April, 1979 to replace the one I had with me on the day of the death which was seized by G.I.B.(2) Officers. I should explain that part of my duties are to replace uniform and appointments for the Officers attached to the group and at the beginning of May one

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

of our Constables, I really cannot recall who, asked me if there was a spare truncheon he could have to replace one he had with a broken strap. I had one in my store and swapped it for him. NB/3 is the truncheon that officer gave to me and I intended to submit it to Lambeth for replacement. I should mention that when C.I.B.(2) seized all of the truncheons carried at Southall on the 23rd April, 1979, they did not have sufficient replacements and after a while sent me the outstanding number to distribute to the Officers who had not been given one. The truncheon I gave to the Officer to replace the broken one, was the only one remaining to the issued by me.

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

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P1575

Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: D.G.F. [REDACTED]

at: Room 236, Southall Police Station

on: 24th April, 1979, 10.52 p.m.

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

A. Yes, Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P1576

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

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A. Yes, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. One unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2275

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector?

A. My Sergeant was [REDACTED] and my Inspector was [REDACTED].

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

A. I believe so, Sir. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you get out?

A. No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

P1578

4.

Q. Did you have protective shields?

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A. Not asked.

Q. Did you have your trenchon drawn?

A. Not asked.



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Q. Did you use your truncheon?

A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.



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

A. Not asked.

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

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A. Not asked.

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

A. Not asked.

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8.

Q. Describe what happened in that situation?

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A. Not asked.

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P1583

9.

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

A. Not asked.

[REDACTED]

2282

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

A. Not at that particular incident, Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P1585


11.

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

A. Not asked.

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

A. No, I can't help you. 


P1587

13.

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

A. Not asked.

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P1588

Interview of [REDACTED] 1 unit TM  
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] CIB (2)  
at Southall Police Station  
on 25th April 1979  
commenced at 6.27 p.m.  
finished at 6.29 p.m.  
Present Det. Sgt. [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. At Barnes at 2.0 p.m. [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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P1589

2.

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

A. No sir [REDACTED]

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Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes Sir [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 .PA/33b.....

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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**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..... Attached to Special Patrol Group  
 Address and Telephone Number..... No. 1 Unit - Barnes Police Station.

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

Dated the 11th day of May 1979

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I paraded at 2 pm at Barnes Police Station to be attached to No. 1 Unit - Special Patrol Group, where I have been posted for the last eighteen months. We went to M.O.D. Feltham for main feeding. I was on carrier 'U.13' together with

Our meal was interrupted and we were called to Southall to give assistance because officers were under attack. However, when we arrived all was quiet and we were given a sector to patrol, north end of police station. North of Urbridge Road. I believe our on "U.11" was allocated that task by We eventually came

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

\*Delete as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

to Park View Road at sometime after 4 p.m. We pulled into that road where we saw a house with 'PEOPLES UNITY' marked on the gate. I saw several rastafarians in the area. One in particular with a megaphone. He was about 6 foot tall with a woollen hat, coloured red and yellow (I think) maybe other colours as well. Flimsolls, jeans. Maybe a black jumper or cardigan. I think he had a wispy moustache. He was stirring up the crowd constantly by saying things like "Walk past them." "Take the town hall" "Ignore the pigs you are going to get arrested anyway"

He was addressing these remarks to the crowd which comprised 50% Asian 50% West Indian and white. There seemed to be more Asians in the crowd near the cordon blocking the way to the town hall. My carrier was out on the road and we were trying to keep the crowd on the pavement off the road. In response to his calls several tried to walk past us towards the main cordon but we managed to contain them and push them back onto the pavement. No truncheons or shields were used. Chief Supt. [REDACTED] came over to us and we told him that the man with the megaphone was stirring them up and something should be done about him or there will be more trouble. We pointed out the house to him which seemed the base for their activities. As far as I know some police officers were placed in the road opposite the house. I didn't see the man with the megaphone arrested.

About 6.15pm the crowd walked past us towards the main cordon about the same time a smoke flare was thrown towards the cordon. The crowd started running towards the cordon. I ran with the [REDACTED]

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

crowd towards the cordon but stopped when I realised the cordon would hold. As I had been running bricks and other missiles were coming over my head from behind. I became involved with a coloured woman who was trying to scratch my eyes out. I managed to force her off. By now I was in the centre of the junction with Uxbridge Road. I, together with [REDACTED] and an 'B' Division P.O., we rescued [REDACTED] and found that he had been stabbed. I had seen him assaulted in the mouth by a West Indian male who was about 6' 4" tall, powerfully built, wearing a brown jacket. I went to hospital in a carrier driven by [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. We arrived at about 6.30pm. In between the two incidents I have mentioned, we were subjected to verbal abuse the whole time. I walked back from Ealing Hospital and joined 'U.13' at about 7 p.m. in Uxbridge Road outside Southall Police Station. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were not in the carrier. I later learned that they had arrests. [REDACTED] then became the operator. I think we patrolled our sector for a while and re-grouped with 'U.11 and U.12' somewhere off the Broadway. I then went to Southall Police Station having been dropped off, and a short while later on my personal radio I was informed by my carrier that S.P.C. unit was under attack and I was to be picked up by my carrier outside the police station. This I was and we couldn't get to the location along Broadway so we turned left at the Town Hall. I was sitting in the seat immediately behind the operator. [REDACTED] was sitting next to me and the others were behind. We went around the back streets and came into the [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 68)

Continuation of statement of

Broadway from the south. We turned right because after looking left there didn't appear to be any trouble that way. As we past the JET service station on our left at least one Asian threw a brick which hit our carrier. I know our siren wasn't going as we came along the Broadway. We reached the junction with a road which I now know to be Beechcroft Avenue. Up to now I had not seen 'U.11 or U.12' since before I went to the police station. At the junction I think I saw two carriers facing north in Northcote Avenue near the junction. I also think there were two carriers facing West in the Broadway, east of Beechcroft Avenue. There were some people on the pavements west of the junction with Beechcroft Avenue. We were directed by a P.C. in the middle of the junction to go back and try and get behind the demonstrators in Beechcroft Avenue and out them off. We did a 'U' turn in the middle of the junction and went back the way we came and turned left at the first road we came to. This turned out to be unaccessible to Beechcroft Avenue and after a time we didn't try to get back as there did not appear to be any urgency as no more calls for assistance came up. When we were turning in the junction at Beechcroft Avenue I was able to look down that road and saw the backs of P.C.'s with shields about ten yards into that road from the Broadway. They were being stoned and other missiles thrown at them by crowds further down Beechcroft. I saw three groups of three P.C.'s with shields slowly moving down Beechcroft Avenue. I don't know who these officers were. I didn't know where "U.11" and "U.12" were but I cannot recollect seeing any carriers in Beechcroft Avenue,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature witnessed by... \_\_\_\_\_

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

Continuation of statement of.....

either beyond the P.C.'s with shields or between the P.C.'s and the junction with the Broadway. We eventually returned to the Broadway at about 8.45 pm and I think we re-grouped with 'U.11' and 'U.12'. I have been asked by [redacted] which personall were on 'U.11' and 'U.12' when we re-grouped. I think [redacted] driving one of the carriers and I think [redacted] was in the operator's seat but I can't be sure. There were no other real incidents and I think we went off duty at about 2 am. I have been shown a picture Exhibit KDM/1 and I have an impression that this man or a man very similar, was in Park View Road earlier and I saw him talking to the rastafarian with the megaphone. I cannot positively identify him.

Signed: [redacted]

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

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[REDACTED]

8.5 pm

Q. This piece of wood was found in your locker.

A. I brought it in to take on raids for premises that may be securely locked. So far I have not used it. [REDACTED]

Q. Did you have this in your possession during your recent tour at Southall?

A. You mean did I take it there?  
No. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P1596

Interview of: [REDACTED]

by: [REDACTED]

at: Southall Police Station

on: 24th April, 1979 commenced at 11.41 pm  
also present Detective Sergeant  
[REDACTED] attached to C.I.B.(2)  
Enquiries are being made into the circumstances  
surrounding the death of Blair Clement Peach, age 31  
who it is alleged received an injury to the head on  
Monday 23 April 1979 at Southall. In view of this  
I am going to ask you a number of questions. Do  
you understand.?'

A.

Yes. Sir. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1981

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

A. Yes. [REDACTED]

Q. Which Unit were you with?

A. 1 unit. [REDACTED]

Q. Who was your sergeant and Inspector.

A. Sergeant [REDACTED]  
and Inspector [REDACTED]

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

A. No at 6.35 pm approximately  
I arrested a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I took him  
to Southall Police Station arriving  
at around seven PM. I  
then took him to a private  
coach and he was taken  
with other prisoners to West  
End Central Police Station, arriving  
at around seven-55 pm  
he was later charged with  
threatening behaviour. I  
never returned to Southall  
I booked off duty at  
West End Central. Charge No.  
626 refers to my prisoner.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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4.

The above answers  
recorded contemporaneously  
by me. Interviewing terminated  
at 11.50 pm 24.4.79.

[REDACTED]

I have read the above four (4) pages of questions  
and answers and they are a true record of  
the interview.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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I N S E R T I O N

PAGES 1895 - 1997 refer to a questionnaire  
of P.C. [REDACTED] which has been removed  
and inserted at Pages 1184 A-H.

PT601

Interview of [REDACTED]  
By Det. Ch. Insp. [REDACTED] CIB (2)  
at Southall Police Station  
on 25th April 1979  
commenced at 6.36 p  
finished at 6.38 p  
Present Det. Sgt. [REDACTED]

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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 At Barnes at 2.0pm [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. Yes [REDACTED]

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

A. No [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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2.

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

A. I showed it several times to PS [REDACTED] at CD  
when I went there with a prisoner. [REDACTED]

Produce your truncheon now for inspection.

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

A. Yes [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 .....PM. 119.....

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of.....  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21 Aged 29  
 Occupation of Witness Police Constable  
 Address and Telephone Number 1 Unit Special Patrol Group  
 Barnes Police Station

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 8th day of May . 19 79

Signed .....

Signature witnessed by .....

I am a member of No 1 unit Special Patrol Group and have been since  
 On Monday 23rd April 1979 I, together with my Unit went  
 to Southall to police a demonstration or meeting which was to take  
 place there. We paraded at 2.00pm at Barnes and then went to  
 operational feeding at Feltham. As far as I can recall a message was  
 passed to us that there had been some serious disturbances at Southall  
 and that we were to make our way there. I was posted to Uniform 12  
 Carrier although I can't recall who was driving or operating on that  
 vehicle. We arrived at Southall although I can't recollect the time  
 but it might have been a little after 3.00pm. We drove to a spot in  
 Southall where some trouble had previously occurred but I can't remember  
 where that was as when we arrived it was all over. That was as a result  
 of a call received over our radio network which I think originated  
 from ..... who is in charge of the Group. We  
 then went to Park View Road where all three of my Units carriers parked

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

\*Delete as applicable.

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

facing out in the direction of Uxbridge Road. The call signs of those other two carriers were U11 and U13. We sat there for a while and noticed that there were a lot of West Indian youths standing on the steps of a house in Park View Road which had the words 'First Aid Post' or 'Medical Aid' written on the door. Sometime later we moved out into Uxbridge Road all three carriers, so that we were facing east being a few yards east of the junction with Park View. We left the carrier a couple of times I think, to move people out of the roadway, although again I'm not sure what time this would be. I am a little unsure about the times, as when we attend demonstrations on public order incidents we always remove our watches. I think about 6.30pm I can remember the carriers being showered with missiles and a crowd surged forward at a cordon which was across the Uxbridge Road, and after this I assisted a Divisional Officer, although I can't remember who he was or where he was from, into Southall Police Station with a prisoner he had arrested. I returned to the Uxbridge Road and at about 6.35pm I arrested [REDACTED] for threatening behaviour. I placed him in one of my unit's carriers although I'm not sure which it was. I left him in it being watched over by an officer who had been injured and because officers from my unit and other officers were under attack by a hostile crowd who were throwing stones and missiles. I took a shield and left the carrier. I joined the officers who were being attacked and eventually the crowd dispersed. At no time during the incidents or at any other time that day did I draw my truncheon. After the crowd which I have just described had dispersed I also moved some other people away from the area and then rejoined a carrier which I think was being driven by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

which was parked in Oakwood Avenue. I think [REDACTED] was also on that carrier but I can't remember anyone else. We then drove around some back streets in Southall as I think I can recall someone having called for assistance. I didn't hear the message as I was sitting in the back but I can remember finding various groups of police officers and giving them assistance but as we went to so many similar calls I can't remember details. We eventually returned to Southall Police Station at about 7.15pm where I found the carrier which had my prisoner on board. I then took him into the charge room at that police station. Some minutes later I transferred him to a coach which took us to West End Central Police Station (CD) where I remained with my prisoner until 1.20 am the following morning. I then returned to Barnes Police Station and went straight off duty. [REDACTED]

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

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... No. 1 Unit Special Patrol Group.

Address and Telephone Number..... Barnes  
 (Tel. 876 2352)

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

Dated the 6th day of May, 1979

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

I have been attached to S.P.G. in excess of 3 years, stationed at Barnes. I have been on numerous demonstrations with the Group. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, my unit were on duty at Barnes at 2 pm. We were to be employed at Southall. We had food at Feltham and at about 3pm we were sent to Southall. When we arrived there we were employed on the east side of the Town Hall in the Uxbridge near the Police Station. I was on Carrier, Uniform 13, with [REDACTED] in charge. I was radio operator that day. There was a great deal of tension in the crowd and my unit were employed in keeping the people on the pavement. There were several hundred in the crowd which were very noisy, chanting and shouting abuse at police and the S.P.G. in particular. There were a couple of agitators moving up and down the crowd

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

\*Depts as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act 1987, ss. 2, 8; M.C. Rules, 1988, r. 58)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

shouting through a megaphone inciting the people to attack the police. My carrier had de-bused and at 6.30 pm we became surrounded by hostile demonstrators who had charged the police cordon. We fell back into the cordon and were showered with a hail of bricks, bottles and such like from the back of the crowd. I saw a flare go off near the park side. Things were violent after the flare went off, as though it had been a signal. There is no doubt the violence was planned. I became detached from the rest of my group except [REDACTED]. I saw several policemen hit by bricks and punches from the demonstrators. The cordon broke to allow mounted police through and also some police on foot with riot shields. I took cover behind them. Shortly after, within seconds, [REDACTED] and I both got shields from colleagues who had made arrests. [REDACTED] then came alongside us and we advanced at the crowd to disperse them. Eventually we went into the park. There were various fights going on around us between demonstrators and police. Most missiles I saw were coming from the park. I saw a man throw a brick which hit [REDACTED]. Two Divisional officers grabbed the man, and [REDACTED] and I arrested the man. We took him back across the park to our carrier. We handed on our shields to other S.P.G. officers before going to the carrier and on the way were pelted with bricks by people in the road near our carriers. [REDACTED] placed our prisoner in a police van. I had been hit on my left hand by a flying brick. I noticed some demonstrators arguing with two divisional officers and I went to assist. I arrested a man for obstructing police. He was [REDACTED].

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1968, r. 55)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

I can't recall the name of [REDACTED] prisoner. We went with our prisoners to Hayes Police Station where we were engaged until return to Southall at around 8.45pm. We were dropped off in The Broadway and walked towards the police station. By personal radio we contacted our carrier which picked us up near the police station. There were various calls after that time, but they were only isolated incidents. It was virtually all quiet at that time. At no time did I go into Beachcroft Avenue to the best of my knowledge. I had my truncheon drawn when I had been involved at 6.30 pm but did not use it at any time. I cannot recall any incident where any officer used his truncheon although most officers had truncheons drawn. I remember one of the agitators previously referred to was a rastafarian type wearing a multi-coloured wooly hat. I saw his picture in The Daily Mail the following day. It referred to one man trying to calm the crowd. This was completely wrong, he had been inciting the crowd to attack police. I cannot visualise the other agitator in my mind at this time. There was no doubt in my mind the violence was well planned. I could see piles of bricks placed conveniently at the back of the crowd in front of hoardings in the Uxbridge Road. At the end of the day the road was completely littered with bricks, bottles, pieces of wood and other objects thrown at police.

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

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

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

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

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

Dated the 5th day of June, 1979.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

Further to my statement with regard to the Southall demonstratio  
on 23rd April, 1979. About 1 or 2 weeks after I gave a truncheon  
which I have had since it was issued to me during the late 1960's  
This truncheon had the strap missing and I asked [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to have replaced. [REDACTED] took possession of the  
truncheon and issued me with a replacement from his store. The  
truncheon I handed in was in my possession during the Southall  
incident and at the time of the Blair PEACH incident it was in  
my pocket at Hayes Police Station where I was charging person  
arrested at about 6.30pm. This truncheon was not used at any time  
in Southall.

At no time has any person requested I hand in this truncheon.

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

\*Defects as applicable.

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of.....  
 Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21  
 Occupation of Witness.....  
 Address and Telephone Number.....  
No. 2 Unit  
Special Patrol Group  
Whetstone (S.T.)

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

Dated the 4 day of June 1979.

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

I have been attached to the Special Patrol Group since March, 1978 and since December, 1978 I have been  
 A unit of the SPG comprises of one Inspector, three sergeants Twenty eight Police Constables and one Woman Police Constable. Whilst on patrol the personnel are divided into three Ford Transit carriers. On Monday 23rd April, 1979 no. 2 Unit was employed at Southall in connection with a National Front meeting to be held in The Town Hall that day. On occasions such as this our role is that of a mobile reserve and on that day we were assigned to patrol an area which was south of the Uxbridge Road and east of South Road incorporating Southall Park. The Officers on duty under my command that day are shown on Form 3166 (Form A8/10) which I completed and signed at the end of that tour of duty. I produce th form as exhibit AE/1. The Sergeants in charge of the carriers that day were

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

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Continuation of statement of.....

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I was on overall charge and attached myself to 'Uniform 17'. At various times during the day my unit was deployed in the Southall area and on two occasions we were in the Broadway. The first time was at about 5.45pm when we were deployed to join a shield serial at the junction with Alexandra Avenue. We were there for about half an hour or so when we were called away to a disturbance in North Road. The second time was round about eight o'clockish when we were patrolling in our appointed sector when we responded to a call for urgent assistance from a 3 unit vehicle. As I recall it this was a call for urgent assistance to a major disturbance which 3 Unit could not contain themselves and the location was in the Broadway. The exact spot I cannot now recall. I responded to this call with two carriers only as one had gone off with prisoners. We approached the Broadway from the North and travelled South along Alexandra Avenue towards the Broadway. When we were about 80 yards from the Broadway I heard an SPG unit radio to us that the large group of demonstrators approaching us in Alexandra Avenue had been part of the crowd causing trouble in the Broadway. I immediately stopped and debussed the unit with the object of dispersing the crowd running towards us. As soon as they saw us they stopped running broke up into smaller groups of two or three and dispersed peacefully. We then walked forward to the Broadway and the carriers drove down with us. On reaching the Broadway I saw at least one SPG carrier there and I am almost certain it was a 5 Unit carrier. There were a number of people milling around in groups and they seemed to be

Signed.....

Signature witnessed by.....

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

drifting towards the west. There were also some police officers about on foot and I think they were from no. 5 Unit. Officers from my unit remained in the Broadway on foot for several minutes and they were encouraging people to move away from the area and disperse. The crowd was not troublesome and although there was some isolated reluctance they moved on. At no time during this spell did I order my shields to be used. Truncheons were not drawn and there was no cause for them to be used. [REDACTED] our [REDACTED] arrived whilst I was there and after about five minutes or so he directed us to embus. By this time my two carriers and the 5 Unit carrier, and there could have been more than one, were lined up in the Broadway facing west. I remember walking west along the Broadway, but I did not reach as far as the next junction before I turned round. However, I know that at least two of my Officers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did reach that junction for they assisted with the arrest of a man a few yards into the first junction on South side which I now know to be Beachcroft Avenue. The only Officers I can recall seeing in the Broadway were the ones from my own unit and those from 5 Unit. Apart from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I did not see any other Chief Superintendent or Superintendent at the junction with Alexandra Avenue. I have been asked if I saw any SPG carriers at the junction with Northcote Avenue and I can say that I have no recollection of any such carrier or carriers at that time. However, I would like to say that I had seen SPG carriers and personnel about at various locations during the day and in trying to put this particular incident into perspective I cannot honestly

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

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

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

say whether any other unit or carrier was in that vicinity. I do recall seeing a no. 1 Unit carrier later, but that was further west in the Broadway and near the canal bridge. After embussing we resumed normal patrol in the Broadway area. Just after we started this patrol a woman was arrested for causing damage to 'Uniform 16'. It was about 8.30pm and we were cruising slowly along the Broadway when she stepped off the pavement into the road and simply wrenched the nearside wing mirror off the carrier. She was arrested and there was no repercussion or reaction from the groups on the footway.

[REDACTED]

M.P.75

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

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

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Telephone Number attached to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Patrol Group  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leytonstone

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

Dated the 6th day of June, 1979.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

I joined the Metropolitan Police on the \_\_\_\_\_ and was posted to the Speical Patrol Group on the \_\_\_\_\_ 1975. Since that time I have been attached to no. 3 Unit which is based at Leytonstone Police Station. On Monday 23rd April, 1979, I was posted as driver of the S.P.G. Carrier U.20 and at about mid-day I set off with a crew of about 7 or 8 officers to Southall. We were told that we were going to Police a large demonstration. I was on duty throughout the day and at about 7.30pm set off in my carrier for Wembley Police Station. \_\_\_\_\_ of my Unit, a Police Sergeant from division and another officer had entered my vehicle with prisoners and I was directed by Quebec Control to take them to Wembley for charging. When I had delivered the officers and their prisoners the Station Officer asked me to convey a number of Wembley Officers to Ealing Police Station where they were urgently

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete as applicable.

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

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

required and I agreed and in fact carried some 8 to 10 constables. In addition I took a 'C' Constable and [REDACTED] (I think that was his number) with them. When I arrived at Ealing Police Station I delivered the officers I received a call over the personal radio from [REDACTED] who was at Wembley and required transportation back to Southall. I responded to his call, drove to Wembley, collected him and then drove my carrier back to Southall. In fact I found the rest of my Unit were having a snack in a school yard near the Town Hall. We joined them and the time was about 9pm. I was today (6.6.79) present at Leytonstone Police Station when [REDACTED] searched my locker and took possession of a long truncheon which I have marked exhibit MT/1. This truncheon was issued to me when I was first appointed in 1968 and I have had it since. You will notice that my warrant number [REDACTED] is stamped in the wood. I had this truncheon with me on the day I was at Southall (23.4.79) but I did not draw it at any time, for any purpose. In fact I did not leave the carrier at any time that day to deal with demonstrators. The drivers job is to stay with the vehicle and at not time did my vehicle come under attack.

[REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] nature witnessed by.....

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1959, r. 58)

Statement of..... [REDACTED]

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) Over 21

Occupation of Witness..... [REDACTED]

Address and Telephone Number..... Complaints Investigation Bureau  
New Scotland Yard

This statement,\* consisting of 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 13th day of February, 1980.

Signed..... [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by..... [REDACTED]

On Wednesday 13th February 1980 with Detective Chief

Inspector [REDACTED] went to the offices of [REDACTED]  
 Solicitors, of [REDACTED], where at 2.10 pm I saw  
 Mr. [REDACTED] a Company Director of [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Saleworth, Middlesex, in the presence of his solicitor,  
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said "Will you start by confirming for  
 [REDACTED] the use to which any statement he makes will be used."  
 [REDACTED] said "I can confirm for you [REDACTED] that any  
 statement you make will be made available to H.M. Coroner, the  
 Director of Public Prosecutions and [REDACTED] who is in charge  
 of this enquiry and that officers other than those on this enquiry  
 will not have access to it. [REDACTED] said "Can you confirm that  
 these ex-officers involved were not concerned in the Southall  
 demonstration. [REDACTED] said "Yes, they were not involved at  
 all."

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

\*Delete as applicable.

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then said to [REDACTED] "Can you tell me if anyone else was present when these things were said." [REDACTED] said "There were lots of people there, they were all very friendly and all seemed to know them. I tried to steer the conversation round to it, I suppose it was my sense of curiosity." [REDACTED] said "What I mean is, did anyone else overhear these remarks, was anyone else told these men were involved." [REDACTED] said "The Southall incident was mentioned several times, there was general conversation about it." [REDACTED] said "Can you answer the question." [REDACTED] said "Was your daughter present." [REDACTED] said "But she is only 15 she could have been taking a glass of orange somewhere, I can't say, she may have been." [REDACTED] said "Will you play him the tape. [REDACTED] I would like you to listen to this tape recording and tell me if you recognise any of the voices." [REDACTED] said, "I do not hear very well, I had better move closer." I then played the recording of the telephone call received by Southall Rights. [REDACTED] said, "Do you recognise your voice [REDACTED]." [REDACTED] said "Yes". [REDACTED] said "I should tell you that both these men were traced and interviewed at length and deny that any such conversation took place." [REDACTED] said, "Are these men still in Rhodes." [REDACTED] said "No." [REDACTED] said, "Were they on the island in connection with police service." [REDACTED] said "No they had left the force, they are quite young and went out there to work." [REDACTED] then said "Did you meet the girlfriend of one of these men when you were out there." [REDACTED] said "No." [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED] 305

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

said "She was called [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said "No I do not recall such a person." [REDACTED] said "What has been said by these men is that they had occasion to speak to you about a derogatory remark you made about one of them." [REDACTED] turned to [REDACTED] and said "This meeting was your idea, you answer it." [REDACTED] said, "As far as I understand it there was no disagreement and they parted on friendly terms. One of them even had my client's telephone number so they could get in touch on their return."

[REDACTED] said, "Which one was that." [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said "Is that the big one." [REDACTED] said "Yes". [REDACTED] said "Did you see this article in the 'Guardian' on November 28th." [REDACTED] said "No." Copy of article then handed to [REDACTED] to read it." [REDACTED] said "That was the immediate reaction of the information you passed to the Southall Rights and in fact the reason for our enquiries is to establish if this was said or if the call was malicious." [REDACTED] said "So I would hope. I did not make these calls lightly and realised the possible position I would get into, which in fact has resolved." He then signed his typed statement which he had previously prepared. It was witnessed by [REDACTED]. I produce that statement as Exhibit BE/1.

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**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

(C.J. Act. 1987, s. 2, 3; M.C. Rules 1988, r. 58)

Statement of \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Witness Unemployed

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

Dated the 8th day of OCTOBER, 1979

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

On Friday, 20th April, 1979, I was driving my car in Southall going to London Airport to take some guests to the Airport. I think it was in the evening but I am not sure of the time. I suddenly felt a pain in my testicles. It was quite bad. I came back home and telephoned my doctor \_\_\_\_\_ He telephoned a chemist and my father went to get some tablets and medicine for me. The pain was so bad that I went to bed and stayed there for the weekend. On Monday 22nd April, I went to see \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot remember the exact time but it was in the morning. He told me to keep taking the tablets. I came back home and went back to bed. I did not go out again on that day. I stayed in bed until Wednesday 25th April. The pain was still bad so I decided to go to hospital. Some

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete as applicable.

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

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

time in the evening I'm not sure of the exact time, a friend drove me to Hillingdon Hospital accompanied by my father. I was admitted to the hospital and went to Fleming Ward. About 3 hours after I was admitted I had an operation and my left testicle was removed. The man who was in charge of me was a [REDACTED] but I do not think he operated on me. I think it was a [REDACTED] who operated but I am not sure about that. I was in hospital about a week but I am not sure of the exact number of days I was there. On the second day following the operation I noticed an Indian in the next bed to me. He was in the bed on my left side. We spoke to each other occasionally. I do not remember his name but he told me that a police horse had hit him during the Southall riots on 25rd April and he had been injured. I do not remember him telling me he had been beaten up by a number of police officers. He did not tell me that he had been arrested. He did tell me where he was when he was hit by the police horse but I cannot remember where the location was, but he did tell me he was with other people when it happened. He was complaining of injury to his back. I am not sure of his age but he would be in his late twenties or early thirties. I think he was a Sikh as some of his visitors wore turbans. I am a Sikh. I am not sure if I told him how I came to lose my testicle but I might have done. I did not tell him that I had been beaten up by police on 25rd April as a result of which I had to have my testicle or testicles

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Signed [REDACTED]

Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]

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(C.J. Act 1967, ss. 2, 9; M.C. Rules, 1963, r. 38)

Continuation of statement of [REDACTED]

removed. As I have said previously I was at home on 23rd April I could only lie down on that day I couldn't stand up even. I was lying in the bed next to this man for only a couple of days and I was then taken to a single separate room in the same ward. I did not see that man again before my discharge from the hospital. After I had had my operation one of the doctors, a white man, told me that they had had to remove my testicle because it had become twisted and the blood supply to it had been cut off and one of my testicles had died. It had turned black.

This statement has been written down at my dictation by [REDACTED] I have read it through and been invited to make any alterations I may wish to. It is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Witnessed: [REDACTED]

Signed [REDACTED] Signature witnessed by [REDACTED]