

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : S002
PF Ref :

Surname : ROWE

Other or previous surname : Nil

Forenames : Simon [REDACTED]

DoB : [REDACTED]/1980

Age : 34

Occupation : [REDACTED]

Other Occupation : Nil

Police Station : N/A

Years Service : N/A

Disclosable address : See Home Address

Post Code: See Home Address

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 4th of May 2015 @ 19.25

By : INV KAREEN PATTENDEN

Place : Home Address

In the presence of : DSI BRIAN DODD AND MRS EMMA ROWE

~~I have~~the witness signed/~~refused to sign~~ this and all other pages

~~It was/not read over to the witness and was/not recorded on Audio tape and/or Video tape~~

States :

I am Mr Simon Anthony Ian Rowe, I currently reside at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED].

I am currently employed as [REDACTED] for [REDACTED], where I have been employed for 6 years.

About 0700 hours on Sunday 3 May 2015 I was working a 12 hour day shift. I commenced work about 0400 hours that morning, due to finish at 1600 hours that afternoon.

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I remember that I decided to make my way towards Kirkcaldy Health Clinic/Hospital to see if I could [REDACTED]. This took me along Templehall Avenue, Kirkcaldy. As I was driving along this road, heading towards the roundabout adjacent to Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy, I observed a male I would describe as follows: dark coloured skin, muscular build, about 6' in height, wearing a white t-shirt and dark coloured jeans and shoes/trainers. In addition I could see that he was carrying what I believed to have been a kitchen knife in his right hand. The knife itself was about 8" in length, the blade being 6" at most.

This male had his back to me and was walking along this road in the same direction as I was driving. From what I could see he did not appear to be having any difficulty in walking, his arms appeared to be swinging at his sides and he looked to be walking with purpose. I remember noting that it was raining at this time and he looked to be soaking wet.

As I drove past him, I was concerned as to what he was doing with the knife so I removed my phone, using the hands free option, and contacted Police Scotland via the 101 number. I managed to pass all details of what I had observed to the call handler just as I got cut off.

I then continued on my way to Kirkcaldy Hospital, where I [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] near the ice rink in Kirkcaldy along Millar Street. I then made my way back along Dunnikier Way and down Hendry Road towards the garage. I did this as I thought maybe he was on route to the garage and I became concerned. I neared the roundabout and made my way down Hayfield Road. As I did this I observed the same male on the left side of the road in between Hayfield Place and the bus stop. I could see this male straight on, he was walking up the street towards the bus stop. I did not see any knife in his hands at this time. As I continued past him, a marked police car with sirens on and blue flashing lights passed me. I continued on, parking at the Health Clinic, where I stopped and had a short conversation with a [REDACTED] Andy Connor. Minutes later I saw an ambulance also with sirens and blue lights pass by me. At this point I decided to drive back along the road to see what was going on. As I neared the area, the police had appeared to have cordoned off the area at Poplar Crescent so I could not see what was happening, although I could see about 7 or 8 marked police vehicles within the area.

This is a true and accurate account.

Signed : S ROWE (Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname : ROWE

Forenames: Simon [REDACTED]

Alias/known as : Nil

Place of birth : [REDACTED]

Age : 34 years

Telephone : [REDACTED]

Home address : [REDACTED]

Post code : [REDACTED]

Telephone : N/A

Business address : N/A

Post Code : N/A

Mobile : [REDACTED]

Email : [REDACTED]

Fax/Pager : Nil

Other : Nil

Dates when unavailable in next 12 months : Nil

Other Confidential Material : Nil