

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S037A**
PF Ref :

Surname : PEARSON Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Alan [REDACTED] DoB : [REDACTED]/1984 Age : 30

Occupation : [REDACTED] Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 22nd of June 2015 17.45

By : INV ROSS STEWART
Place : Home Address

In the presence of : TRAINEE INV STUART TAYLOR

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 have previously provided a statement to Police Scotland with regards to my involvement in the incident on Sunday 3 May 2015 on Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy that resulted in a man dying in Police custody.

I have been shown a typed copy of this statement and I can confirm that is what I told the CID at that time.

I have been asked to clarify a number of points in this statement to investigator Ross Stewart of the Police Investigation and Review Commissioner.

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I confirm that at the time of this incident I was driving my grey coloured Ford Focus registration number [REDACTED]

When I was driving along Templehall Avenue about 7:10AM, [REDACTED] was in my front passenger seat. Nobody else was in my car.

I drove through the first set of pedestrian crossing lights which are approximately 50 yards west from the junction with Hendry Road.

As I continued west on Templehall Avenue, I had gone approximately another 50 yards when [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said to me something like "that guy's got a knife." At that time I saw a black male, approximately 6' tall, well-built muscly, aged 30-35 years old, wearing jeans and a white t-shirt. He was walking towards Hendry Road, he was on the pavement to my right hand side. I only got a quick look at him because I was driving and at that time I did not see a knife. He just walked by me on my right.

I dropped [REDACTED] off on Cheviot Road and I decided to go back to Hendry Road via The Valley and this time I was driving up Hendry Road towards Gallachers pub which was on my left.

I turned right onto Hayfield Road when I saw the same black male. He was passed the junction on the left which heads to the industrial estate. He was walking towards Victoria Hospital on the left footpath (Eastwards).

I drove down Hayfield Road and that's when I saw the black male jogged into the middle of the road. At this time he tried to kick a silver coloured taxi. This was maybe 100 yards in front of me. As soon as I seen the black male try to attack the taxi I stopped in the middle of the road. By this time the black male was standing in the middle of the road facing me. It was at this time I saw him holding a knife, definitely in his left hand. The hand furthest away from me.

I immediately reversed and turned my car and drove back towards the direction of Gallachers Pub (westwards).

As I mentioned in my statement to the Police, I drove out Hayfield Road and turned right at the roundabout, up Hendry Road and parked in a layby beyond the Hub petrol station, that's when I phoned the police.

I was a couple of minutes on the phone to the Police. I can't remember giving a description of the knife to the police at that time, but I would now describe it as being a blade of at least 9 inches in length, maybe 2 inches thick. I did not see the handle.

I drove back down Hendry Road and as I approached the roundabout with Hayfield Road I saw a police transit van with it blue lights and sirens on, it drove up from the Valley, coming up towards me and I watched it turn right across the front of me and go down Hayfield Road.

It only went about 30 yards down Hayfield Road when it stopped.

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As I was at the roundabout I got a clear view down Hayfield Road when I saw the same black male walking back towards the direction of Gallachers pub. That is he was walking towards me.

I get a clear view of this male and I cannot say that I saw him in possession of a knife or anything that looked like a knife at this time.

I am certain that I saw this black male holding a knife in his left hand when I saw him earlier on Hayfield Road but I did not see him with a knife when the police arrived.

The Police van had just stopped when I crossed the roundabout so I didn't see anybody getting out the police van and I don't know what happened after that.

I did not see any other police vehicles. I drove down Hendry Road and turned right onto the Valley area.

I only saw one police can. That is the one I saw drive into Hayfield Road. I assume that was the first police vehicle to arrive. I don't remember seeing anybody else walking about in the Templehall Avenue, Hendry Road or Hayfield Road area that morning.

I can confirm that this statement is a true and accurate record.

Signed : (Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname : PEARSON Forenames: Alan [REDACTED]
Alias/known as :

Place of birth : [REDACTED] Age : over 18

Home address [REDACTED] Telephone :

Post code : [REDACTED]

Business address : Telephone :

Post Code :

Mobile : [REDACTED]

Email :

Fax/Pager :

Other :

Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

Other Confidential Material :