

Opening Statement
on behalf of
Detective Chief Superintendent
Patrick Campbell
in
The Sheku Bayoh Inquiry

At the heart of this Inquiry is Sheku Bayoh. What happened to him on 3 May 2015 was a tragedy and Mr Campbell, firstly, wishes to extend his condolences to Mr Bayoh's family and friends, for their painful loss.

Mr Campbell is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this Inquiry and he is committed to supporting its work in any way he can, whether by providing material or giving evidence during Inquiry hearings. He is also providing a full statement based on the material that the Inquiry has been able to give him, regarding his involvement in the subsequent police investigation of events in Hayfield Road.

As a duty Detective Superintendent for the East of Scotland on 3 May 2015, Mr Campbell set off from Livingston police station to Kirkcaldy within minutes of being instructed to do so by Detective Chief Superintendent Lesley Boal. When he arrived in Kirkcaldy at about 09:00 hours, he was determined to carry out his role as the initial Senior Investigating Officer in good faith and to the best of his ability, in what were fluid, fast-moving and difficult circumstances.

Mr Campbell is acutely aware that the consent of the public is the cornerstone of modern policing in Scotland – people must have confidence in the Police Service of Scotland and its officers. This Inquiry will hold a mirror up, not only to Police Scotland

and other organisations in Scottish society, but also to individuals whose conduct will be carefully examined. Should it be established in the course of this Inquiry that Mr Campbell, or other officers, have made mistakes or errors of judgement, then he is committed to learning lessons from the process.

As an officer with over 25 years of experience, Mr Campbell has always resolved to act with fairness, integrity and respect and he will assist this Inquiry with these same values in mind. This way he can play his part in ensuring that the Inquiry develops as clear a picture as possible and fulfils its critically important terms of reference.

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