

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S020B**
PF Ref :

Surname : WYSE Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Ashley [REDACTED] DoB : [REDACTED]/1985 Age : 30

Occupation : [REDACTED] Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

C/O PIRC
Hamilton House
Hamilton Business Park
Caird Park
Hamilton

Post Code: ML3 0QA

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 25th of August 2015 18.15

By : INV MAURICE RHODES
Place : Ashley Wyse address at Hayfield Road

In the presence of : INV KAREEN PATTENDEN

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 stay at Ashley Wyse address at Hayfield Road [REDACTED] and have previously provided two statements in relation to a police incident that occurred outside my home, on the roadway, on Sunday 3rd May 2015. The first statement I gave to Detective Officers from Police Scotland on the day of the incident and the second I gave to Investigators from the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner's office (PIRC) a couple of days later (5 May 2015).

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Today (25/8/2015) I have been visited at my home address by Investigators Maurice Rhodes and Kareen Pattenden of PIRC in response to a telephone call I made to their office in Hamilton this morning, when I spoke with Deputy Senior Investigator Ian MacIntyre. I made this telephone call in response to two incidents that have occurred at my house over the last couple of weeks, which are directly connected to the incident that I have referred to, which is the death of a black man, who I now know to be Sheku Bayoh, whilst he was being arrested by the police on the roadway outside my house on Sunday 3rd May 2015.

During that incident I used the camera on my mobile phone, a Samsung Galaxy S5, to video bits of what was happening outside. I later handed over that mobile telephone to officers from Police Scotland and gave them authority to examine and download the video excerpts applicable to the incident. I subsequently gave that same authority to Investigators from PIRC.

The first of the two incidents I am referring to occurred on Friday 31st July 2015. I was within my house at Ashley Wyse address at Hayfield Road at about half past four, or thereabouts. I had a friend Hazel Sinclair in the house as I was [REDACTED] at that time. I also had a plumber in the house who was repairing a leak in my bath at that point. I heard a knock at the door and I went alone to answer it. I have to go down a flight of stairs to get to my door as I live on the upper level of a block of four.

When I opened the door there was a black man standing on my doorstep. He was on his own with no one with him. I would say he was about 30 years of age, or possibly late 20's. He was about 5'9" to 5'11" in height, definitely smaller than 6'. He was slim like a bean pole and was wearing glasses. The glasses were rimmed all the way round, black in colour and appeared square or rectangular in shape. I don't believe he had a beard or facial hair but I don't recall exactly.

I also could not fully describe his hair, I seem to recall that he was wearing a hat which I believe was a bonnet style. He was smartly dressed in fashionable clothes, smart jeans, boots and trendy top but again & I don't recall exactly what. He was very trendy, very now, very current market and was handsome in appearance like he looked after himself. To be honest it was his glasses that took my attention because they were very distinctive in appearance.

Before he even opened his mouth my heart started racing, there was a bit of panic in me. I immediately thought this person is connected or related to Sheku Bayoh and the incident that had happened outside my house on the 3rd of May. There was no other reason for a black man coming to my house, and this in itself caused me some concern. I immediately thought "what are you doing at my door?"

The male said to me "Hello, I wonder if you could help me. My family and I have been told so many different stories" He didn't introduce himself or what his relationship to Sheku Bayoh was but I assumed he was Sheku's brother. He continued by talking about his mother and that they were "looking for answers". He stated that they had been given "five different stories" or "five different states of events" and he told me that the police had stated that Sheku had been carrying a knife, when he wasn't. He was calm with me, not aggressive and I did not feel threatened by him, but I did feel that he was "putting me on the spot". This

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immediately made me feel uncomfortable because I did not know what to say to him and I didn't want to lie to him. I told him that I had not seen anything because I didn't want any hassle [REDACTED]. I felt really uncomfortable at that point because I knew I was lying.

The man took his glasses off and wiped his eyes, I don't know if he was sweating but I got the impression that he was becoming emotional and his voice was changing with that emotion. He had a sort of quiver in his voice, like a lump in his throat, as if he was about to cry.

The conversation only lasted about five minutes but it definitely felt longer because of me feeling awkward. He was quite pushy looking for information, using different angles of approach. He was not unfriendly but he was trying to get me to open up with information.

He also mentioned that the family had seen video footage and at that point I became very uncomfortable. I immediately thought that he was talking about my footage and thought "that's why he's come to my address, he knew that it was me." I got the impression that he was trying to get on my good side to manipulate information from me.

I just continued to be nice to him and told him that I hoped that he got the answers he was looking for. He spoke about the post mortem and stated that they were supposed to get a second post mortem but that something had happened to the body and the doctor was not able to carry out a second one, and also something about the lawyer. I thought "oh crap, I need to get out of here".

At that point [REDACTED] shouted down the stairs and I made my excuses to go back into my house. I thought to myself "that's the end of it" and I did not expect to see the male again.

About half past six last night (24/8/2015) I was again in my house, [REDACTED]. I heard a knock at the door and I looked out the window into the street to see if I could see anyone's car. I was not expecting anyone to be calling, so I ignored the door. It's not uncommon for me to do that if I don't know who's there.

I continued to look out the window and saw a black male walking away from the house. Again, the male was very smartly dressed and I got the impression that it was the same male that had been at the door a fortnight previously. He began to lean over the hedge and I wondered what he was doing and as such I didn't pay attention to his description. I immediately felt intimidated and felt that I was having to hide behind my own curtains. I came away from the window and didn't go back.

Later on that night, about quarter past eight, I went to my door [REDACTED] and saw a leaflet lying on the floor inside my door. On lifting the leaflet I could see it had a picture of Sheku Bayoh on it and that it had the title 'Justice for Sheku Bayoh Campaign'. Below the title and picture there was a paragraph of events which was typed and below that a framed box in which there was written in pen 'Hi the family have seen footage/still photos of a video that was handed to the police/PIRC. Please can you talk to us about the family about what you saw.' I

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Surname : WYSE Forenames: Ashley [REDACTED]
Alias/known as :

Place of birth : [REDACTED] Age : over 18

Home address : [REDACTED] Telephone : [REDACTED]
Ash ey Wyse address at Hayf e d Road

Post code : [REDACTED]

Business address : Telephone :

Post Code :

Mobile :
Email :
Fax/Pager :
Other :

Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

Other Confidential Material :