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WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S128**
PF Ref :

Surname : TAYLOR Other or previous surname :

Forenames : David DoB : [REDACTED] 1967 Age : 47

Occupation : Paramedic Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 19th of May 2015 06.50

By : ROSS STEWART

Place : Scottish Ambulance Station, Blackwood Way, Glenrothes

In the presence of :

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 a qualified paramedic and have been for 11 years.

On Sunday 3 May I was dayshift 0700-1900 along with Alan Finlayson, he is a paramedic as well.

I got a call about 0724 to attend at Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy for a 'a male police officer assaulted with a head and facial injury'.

There was an update message at 0725 to advise that the assailant had a knife. This information came from the police, and it was unknown where the assailant was and that police were in attendance.

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En route the address was changed to Seafield Road, Kirkcaldy and the code was 04, an assault.

I was then advised of a new address, now Hayfield Road, at 0730 'patient in middle of Hayfield Road'.

These changes didn't alter my arrival time because Hayfield Road was on the natural route to drive from where we were.

At 0731 I was updated that patient was at junction of Hendry Road and patient was in cardiac arrest and we arrived at scene at 0733. Alan was driving and I was the attendant.

When I arrived, the patient was on his back and CPR was ongoing.

I would say there was a large police presence for a job, 4 or 5 police vehicles parked and about 10 police officers. I was initially surprised that it was not a police officer receiving the CPR. The patient was black, male, very muscly, well built, light trousers and light t-shirt. He was still wearing the t-shirt but I remember cutting the t-shirt later in the ambulance.

The black male was handcuffed to the front and he had leg restraints applied.

I allowed the officers to carry on with CPR. There were 2 or 3 male officers round about the male working on him. I recognised some of the officers faces but I don't know them personally.

Whilst the officers were continuing with CPR, I got the bag and mask ready which forces air into the lungs. I applied this to the black male before I put him on a stretcher and lifted him into the ambulance. Both Alan and I attached the defib pads to the patient. Initially I couldn't find a pulse. That was before I put him into the ambulance, however there was a irregular sinus tachoi on the screen in the back of the ambulance.

When checked for a pulse I found a faint carotid pulse, therefore no shock was applied (pulse in the neck).

A male police officer joined us in the back, another male officer drove the ambulance the short distance to Victoria Hospital. We left the scene at 0742 and arrived at 0744.

I remember cutting the boy's t-shirt right down the front to expose his chest for the pads. I can't recall whether or not I took the t-shirt off or just left it open.

En route to this incident I got an update from our controller to say that police advised assailant had a knife. When I was in the back of the ambulance I could hear a lot of messages being passed on the police radio, and the officer who travelled with us in the back told me that the male patient had brandished a knife at the police, he had to be restrained and that he had possibly been struck on the head with a baton. I was given this information so that I could pass this on to the medical team at the hospital.

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This might have assisted the medical team when assessing why he had a cardiac arrest.

I got the impression that the officer who passed the information to me had collated it all and that he had not necessarily witnessed it all himself.

At no time did any officer make me aware that CS spray or equivalent was used on the patient.

When I was at locus I wasn't conscious of any other civilians in the area.

I do remember plain clothes officers being at locus. I think I saw 3 plain clothes officers in total. There was a male and female officer both in plain clothes starting to tape off the road towards the cemetery and another plain clothes officer, male, wearing a body vest was the officer who travelled in the back of our ambulance. It was a uniform officer who drove the ambulance.

At no time did I see a knife. I can't really describe any of the police officers in attendance that morning. I attend a lot of calls where there are officers in attendance and these calls all roll into each other.

When I arrived, I was aware that a female officer had been injured, that another ambulance was backing us up and hadn't arrived, so cancelled this ambulance when i l the female officer going into the back of a police van which was taking her to hospital.

At no time did I see to the female officer.

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

My vehicle call sign that day was Glenrothes GLR3210. I'm not sure what my airwave terminal number was that day. The airwave terminal is attached to the vehicle and is not a personal issue.

Signed :

(Witness)

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Surname : TAYLOR Forenames: David
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