

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : 135A
PF Ref :

Surname : COMBE Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Jane DoB : [REDACTED] 1970 Age : 47

Occupation : Police Inspector Other Occupation :

Police Station : Police Scotland, Waterend Road, Cupar Years Service : 27

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This statement was taken :

Date and time : 8th of March 2018 10.10

By : IO NEIL DUNCAN
Place : Police Scotland, Waterend Road, Cupar

In the presence of : IO A DUKES

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 47 years of age and have 27 years police service. I am currently the Community Inspector for North East Fife based at Cupar in Fife. On Monday the 3rd May 2015 I was a Police Inspector my role at that time was Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit for P Division based at [REDACTED], Cowdenbeath. I have had the role of PIRC explained to me which I understand. I am aware that you wish to speak to me as a witness and that you are carrying out an investigation in to the death of Sheku Bayoh. I have already provided a statement which directly relates to this investigation and have now been given an opportunity to read that operational

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statement which was provided by me on the 15th of May 2015. I can confirm that the statement which was provided by me is an accurate account of my recollection of the event at that time. I have signed the documentary backing sheet and certification attached to said statement. I understand that you now wish to clarify points and omissions from this statement.

On Monday 3rd May 2015 I was on duty and became aware of a serious incident in Kirkcaldy by looking at the call card on STORM when I came on duty. This was a routine task for me to check the incidents since I was on duty so that I could task my team appropriately. I then with my team as provided in my initial statement travelled to Kirkcaldy where I liaised with Inspector Stephen Kay. My team were then on cordon duties in relation to the Sheku Bayoh investigation. I was then given the role of assisting Chief Inspector Conrad Trickett who had been appointed as Post Incident Manager. From the briefing I'd received from Inspector Kay and from viewing the incident I had the necessary information to carry out my role.

My working assumption even before arriving at Kirkcaldy was that a male, Sheku Bayoh, had been in possession of a knife when confronted by officers. As part of my role I briefed the Force Medical Examiner, Dr Gillian Norrie. It wasn't a full brief I had to facilitate the examination of the officers who had been involved in the incident by the Force Medical Examiner to ensure their welfare. I had been asked by Conrad Trickett to facilitate this.

I have been asked if I told Dr Gillian Norrie that the now deceased Sheku Bayoh had brandished a knife at officers. I cannot categorically say that I did as I have stated it was my belief that Sheku Bayoh had been in possession of a knife at the time of his contact with the police and I was informing Dr Gillian Norrie of the context and circumstances that the officers required to be examined and to give her the information on how they may be affected by the incident. The conversation I had with Dr Gillian Norrie was not recorded anywhere and was not from prepared notes. It was a dynamic situation.

From my recollection I may have had to speak to the Forensic Nurse on duty at Kirkcaldy to arrange for the FME (Force Medical Examiner) to attend. I can't recall who the Forensic Nurse was. The Forensic Nurse is a medically qualified person employed by the police to look after custodies. That person was unable to assist with the examination of the police officers but from memory assisted in obtaining the FME's attendance. I would probably have given the Forensic Nurse background of the incident and why we required medical assistance as I had provided the information to the FME subsequently.

From my previous statement I recall that at about 1808 hours to 1812 hours that day, Sunday 3rd May 2015, I in the presence of Detective Constable Jennifer McAuley seized the clothing and equipment of Police Constable Nicole Short. I provided officers with reassurance that the Federation were there to support them explaining why we were seizing their clothing and equipment and making sure they had clothing to get home. I did not discuss the incident with them.

I have been asked and I cannot recall if Nicole Short told me if she'd been stamped on or kicked. I cannot recall if Nicole Short's equipment specifically her body armour

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had any marks, dirt or footprints on it or if she pointed these out to me at the time. The clothing was not photographed whilst worn by the officers, nor when removed prior to being bagged as productions.

I certify that this is a true and accurate account of my recollections of this event which I have read and agree.

Signed :

(Witness)

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Surname : COMBE Forenames: Jane
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Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

Other Confidential Material :