

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S162**
PF Ref :

Surname : GIVAN Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Amanda DoB : / / Age :

Occupation : Police Officer Other Occupation : PC 843

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : of .

By :
Place :

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 42 years of age and have completed 22 years Police service. Since February 2012 I have been seconded to the Scottish Police Federation where I currently hold the position of Deputy Secretary. My main role with the Scottish Police Federation is to provide welfare support and assistance to officers in the rank of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector.

On Sunday 3rd May 2015, I was at home when I received a telephone call from a local Scottish Police Federation Representative to advise me that he had been made aware of an incident at Kirkcaldy where a male had died following contact with police officers. I was advised that a female officer had been injured and had been taken to hospital.

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I immediately contacted my colleagues to establish if there had been any notification of this information from the Police Service of Scotland and was advised this was not the case.

I then made my way to Kirkcaldy Police Station arriving around 0900 hours. Within the canteen area at Kirkcaldy Police Station I introduced myself to 8 police officers (Constables Paton, Walker, Smith, Tomlinson, Good, McDonough, Gibson and Acting Sergeant Maxwell). I was advised that Constable Nicole Short had been injured and had been taken to hospital for treatment. I asked the officers if they had received any form of update and was advised that they had not been updated since their return to the Police Station from the locus.

I then sought out Detective Superintendent Campbell who made me aware that he was the Senior Investigating Officer. I advised him it was my intention to remain with the officers to provide assistance when required.

Around mid morning, Constable Nicole Short returned to the Police Station from the Hospital. I enquired as to how she was feeling and she complained of feeling sore around her head and neck. I was obvious from what I could see that she was not comfortable and in pain.

I did not speak to any of the officers about the incident and have no information about the actions of any individual other than to be aware of the general circumstances. I was aware that a number of calls were received from members of the public about a male being in possession of a large knife in the street. On the arrival of the Police the male attacked a female police officer and whilst being restrained he stopped breathing. Officers summoned medical assistance and carried out CPR until the arrival of an ambulance. This information was provided to me by Acting Sergeant Maxwell who had attended the locus after the incident. In view of this information, I was able to provide the officers with general legal advice and advised that the PIRC would in all likelihood carry out the investigation in the event the male died.

About 1100 hours, Chief Inspector Trickett attended at Kirkcaldy. He introduced himself as the Post Incident Manager and spoke with the officers within the canteen. He confirmed that the male was deceased and covered a number of issues with the officers in relation to conferring and anonymity.

Throughout the day, I ensured that the officers remained within the PIM suite, were not conferring and that their basic welfare needs were catered for. The only time I left the suite was for around 30 minutes to collect lunch from a nearby take away. The only information I obtained from the officers was a list of names, telephone numbers and contact email address and provided each of the 9 officers with my contact details. I advised that I would arrange for a solicitor to speak to each of them if necessary.

I was present when the officers were addressed by the SIO, Detective Superintendent Campbell who confirmed that the PIRC had been instructed to investigate the circumstances of the death of the male.

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I remained at Kirkcaldy until all of the officers had their clothing and footwear forensically recovered and they had been spoken to by a Police Doctor. Following these processes they were advised to go home.

I left to return home around 2100 hours.

The Scottish Police Federation thereafter engaged the services of Prof Peter Watson, PBW Law, to provide any legal advice to the officers. I have remained in contact with the officers in relation to welfare matters. I have not asked nor have I been provided with any information in relation to this incident that would assist in the investigation.

Whilst I have become aware that the deceased is Sheku Bayoh, I have no knowledge of this individual and had no contact with him.

Signed :

(Witness)

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Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

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