

OFFICIAL - SENSITIVE

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : S250A
PF Ref :

Surname : GEDDES

Other or previous surname : NIL

Forenames : Brian [REDACTED]

DoB : [REDACTED] 1969

Age : 45

Occupation : Police Officer

Other Occupation : Nil

Police Station : Kirkcaldy

Years Service : 14

Disclosable address : Kirkcaldy Police Officer
St Brycedale Road
Kirkcaldy

Post Code: KY1 1EU

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 23rd of July 2015 @ 1500 hours

By : INV KAREEN PATTENDEN

Place : Kirkcaldy Police Office

In the presence of : DSI K HARROWER

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 Police Constable (PC) Brian Geddes, Police Scotland, currently employed as a Police Custody Officer at Kirkcaldy Police Station. I've been carrying out this role on and off since September 2014. I am a qualified Custody Officer having completed the relevant course at Glenrothes (Police Headquarters, legacy Fife) about 4 years ago.

I have today at Kirkcaldy Police Office been shown by Investigator K Pattenden, PIRC, the following item marked as indicated below:

Production Label:

CCTV Operation Birnie, Kirkcaldy Police
Station Pelco Dx4800 DVR Disk B
Working Copy

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I have signed the production label accordingly.

Investigator Pattenden has shown me an extract of this DVD of a conversation that I had with one of the [REDACTED] Police Officers that had been deployed to carry out observation duties as mentioned in my previous statement to PIRC.

This extract is noted as commencing at 10:42:26. This conversation contains information that I had been told immediately before hand by PC Craig Walker, who I met exiting the cell area as I was entering. I have previously mentioned this conversation to PIRC whilst my previous statement was being recorded. The information told to me by PC Walker included the fact that all officers had batted the deceased, they were having trouble restraining him, PC Nicole Short had received a blow to the back of her head and she had been stamped on.

In addition during this conversation I mention the involvement of PIRC. I mentioned this as it is standard for PIRC to be involved in all deaths in custody, however, I cannot confirm whether I knew that the deceased had died or if I knew he was going to die.

I cannot remember whether I have had further conversations with any other of the team 4 officers regarding this incident, however, it is possible that I have.

I believe as I am a member of team 4 it is more likely that other members of team 4 would talk with me about the incident rather an individual that they didn't know very well.

I would like to confirm that PC Walker did not elaborate on his phrase regarding they had all batted the deceased. There was no mention of where the deceased was struck or how many times. My understanding was that all the officers involved in the incident with the deceased had used their baton on him.

I've been asked today by Investigator K Pattenden, whether I remember T/P Sgt Scott Maxwell (Team 4) being in the custody area and a reason as to why he was there. From memory I can remember that T/P Sgt Maxwell entered the Charge Bar area and requested that he borrow my Airwave Terminal for Chief Inspector McEwan. I remember this as after I gave him my Airwave terminal I didn't see it again for 2 days.

At no time do I recall having a conversation with T/P Sgt Maxwell regarding the incident or overhearing T/P Sgt Maxwell discussing the incident with anyone else.

Due to the positioning of the Enquiry Office which incorporates the Custody Office, anyone within is more than aware of any activities along the corridor and the Public Enquiry Desk located within the foyer.

Signed : B Geddes (Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname : GEDDES

Forenames: Brian [REDACTED]

Alias/known as : Nil

Place of birth : [REDACTED]

Age : 45 years

Telephone : [REDACTED]

Home address : [REDACTED]

Post code : [REDACTED]

Telephone : N/K

Business address : Police Scotland
Kirkcaldy Police Office
St Brycedale Road
Kirkcaldy

Post Code : KY1 1EU

Mobile : [REDACTED]

Email : [REDACTED]

Fax/Pager : Nil

Other : Nil

Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

From Date : [REDACTED]

To Date : [REDACTED]

Reason : [REDACTED]

Other Confidential Material :