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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Agency Ref : S130
PF Ref :

Surname : DAVIDSON Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Samantha DoB : [REDACTED] 1983 Age : 31

Occupation : Police Officer Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service : 10

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 4th of May 2015 12.25

By : SELF

Place : Kirkcaldy Police Office

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 currently a Detective Sergeant with the Police Service of Scotland. I am based within Fife, P Division, at Kirkcaldy Police Station and have completed 10 years Police service.

On Sunday, 3rd May 2015. I was on duty working a 0700 hours to 1600 hours tour of duty

About 0715hours, same date, I was within the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) office at Kirkcaldy Police Station when an immediate call was transmitted. Information provided was that a black male was in possession of a knife in the area of Hendry Road, Kirkcaldy.

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DC Connell and I acknowledged the call, along with uniformed officers. I collected my officer safety equipment, which included my body armour, police issue baton, cuffs and PAVA spray.

Meantime, I was aware of further radio transmissions detailing the male subject (now deceased) was reported to be in the area of Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy.

DC Connell and I left the car park area of Kirkcaldy Police Station within a marked CID vehicle, silver Vauxhall Corsa. Registration no [REDACTED] DC Connell was driving the vehicle.

On leaving the Police Station I was aware the emergency button had been activated, indicating that an officer required assistance. Uniformed officers briefly confirmed that an officer had been assaulted.

DC Connell and I continued to drive towards the area of Hayfield Drive, Kirkcaldy. During the short drive uniformed officers confirmed that PC Short had been physically struck. The messages were short and factual, with no exact detail of who was responsible or extent of injuries.

Around 0720hours, same date, DC Connell and I arrived at Hayfield Road.

On turning into Hayfield Road at its junction with Hendry Road I observed 4 marked Police vehicles sporadically parked in the road way.

I observed several uniformed officer on the pavement on the South side of the street, a short distance from the junction with Hendry Road. The officers were restraining the now deceased.

I approached the officers and the deceased and briefly conversed with PC Craig Walker asking him where PC Short was and also where the vehicle keys were for the marked Police van.

My intention at this stage was to check on the welfare of the officer and also move the Police van closer to the officers and the deceased.

My observations of the deceased at this point was he was lying on his front and was physically moving his legs about, as the officer were applying leg restraints.

The officers I can name as present were PC's Alan Paton, Craig Walker, Ashley Tornlinson, Daniel Gibson, Alan Smith, Kayleigh Good and James McDonough. APS Scott Maxwell was also in attendance.

The Police Constables were on the pavement at either side of the deceased controlling him, or otherwise nearby. I cannot recall the exact restraining actions of individual officers.

On arrival, DC Connell observed a number of Police issues batons and a set of cuffs on the pavement near to the officers. I was aware he picked up / seized -

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LABEL POLICE ISSUE BATON 1

LABEL POLICE ISSUE BATON 2

LABEL POLICE ISSUE BATON 3

LABEL POLICE ISSUE CUFFS

The equipment was secured within our Police vehicle.

I moved away from the officers and the deceased and located PC Short within the Police van, which was around 30 to 40 yards away.

PC Nicole Short was within the front passenger seat. I comforted her and queried what injuries she had sustained. PC Short was crying and visibly shaking. I noticed she was in a state of shock.

PC Nicole Short did detail that she was struck to the back of the head and ended up on the ground. She thereafter briefly detailed that she saw the deceased foot and anticipated that she was going to be further assaulted; however other officers present protected her.

My immediate concern was the medical welfare of the officer. I spoke with DI Colin Robson who had just arrived at the scene and he decided that it was best to convey the officer the short distance than waiting on an ambulance.

I thereafter turned the Police Van and drove it the short distance towards the uniformed officers and the deceased.

I was aware via radio transmission (from uniformed officers) that the deceased had become unresponsive.

On getting out the van I observed the officers had placed the accused in the recovery position on his left side.

DC Connell then shouted me over to the north side of the road and detailed a 'KNIFE' had been located.

Around 0725hours, same date, DC Connell in my presence seized -

LABLE KNIFE

DC Connell and I secured the 'KNIFE' within our Police Vehicle.

I thereafter approached the deceased and the officers. The deceased remained in the recovery position on his left side. I recall PC's Paton, Smith, and walker being near to the deceased. I asked about his condition and they confirmed he became unresponsive and they were making efforts to rouse him; with verbal and physical stimulus. The deceased was not responding.

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At this point I myself checked the deceased for a pulse, right side of his neck. I could not feel a pulse. I asked PC Alan Smith to confirm or locate a pulse.

I believe PC Smith could not feel a pulse as soon thereafter the officers relayed the deceased had no cardiac output and CPR commenced. I mainly observed PC Walker carryout chest compressions.

An ambulance was requested to attend immediately and the current position of the deceased was transmitted on the radio.

I thereafter collected 'Police Issue Barrie Tape' from a Police vehicle and began observing the area of locus and setting parameters to be protected

I placed barrier tape across the junction / footpath of hayfield Road at its junction with Hendry Road and Poplar Crescent, Kirkcaldy

PC James McDonough took up the protection of the Poplar Road junction and PC Kayleigh Good at the Hendry Road Junction.

Just prior to placing the barrier tape across the Poplar Road junction the ambulance arrived on scene

I walked the distance back towards the deceased and he was already on the stretcher and movement to the rear of the ambulance was imminent. CPR was on going

I requested DC Connell accompany the deceased in the rear of the ambulance and remain with him until I could organise further resources. Soon thereafter the ambulance left the area of Hayfield Road

I conversed with DI Colin Robson and Inspector Kay at locus in relation to removing the uniformed resources from locus; arrangements were instigated.

Around 0750hours, same date, I stood down from locus and attended back at Kirkcaldy Police Station.

On attendance at the Police Station I made contact with DC's Balsillie and Brown and requested they attend the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy and relieve DC Connell.

Around 0815hours, DC Connell returned to Kirkcaldy Police Station. On his return he was in possession of personal items belonging to the deceased

Around 0830hours, at Kirkcaldy Police Station, DC Connell and I seized

LABEL MOBILE PHONE

LABEL LIGHTER

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DC Connell also informed me prior to recovering the 'KNIFE' at locus he had discussed photographing it in situ with DI Robson. DC Connell had photographs on his mobile telephone and subsequently printed the picture taken.

Around 0845hours, DC Connell and I seized

LABEL PHOTO OF LOCUS

DS Dursley was in attendance at Kirkcaldy Police to assist with the investigation. Initially we made efforts to identify the deceased.

I was made aware that witness Collette Bell had contacted Police concerned for the wellbeing of her partner (deceased).

Witness Bell described her partner and it was very likely with the physical description provided he was the now deceased.

Although images of witness Bell's partner were available it was difficult to accurately confirm if he was the male deceased at the hospital.

About 1100hours, same date, DC Connell and I attended the Accident and Emergency Department and made contact with DC's Balsillie and Brown.

I accessed the images of the deceased on my mobile telephone and made a comparison. I was able to, from scarring on the deceased face / body, confirm that he was Sheku Ahmed Tejan Beyoh, Born. 30/09/1983. I made contact with DS Dursley and confirmed the identification.

I returned to Kirkcaldy Police Station and carried out administrative duties.

I can identify the deceased.

Signed

(Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname DAVIDSON Forenames: Samantha
Alias/known as :

Place of birth : Age : over 18

Telephone :

Home address :

Post code :

Telephone :

Business address : Police Scotland
Kirkcaldy Police Office

Post Code :

Mobile :

Email :

Fax/Pager :

Other :

Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

Other Confidential Material :

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