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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

Agency Ref : **S149**  
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Surname : FINLAYSON Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Alan DoB : [REDACTED]/1973 Age : 41

Occupation : Ambulance Paramedic Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 26th of May 2015 18.35

By : INV ROSS STEWART & DSI BRIAN DODD  
Place : Scottish Ambulance Service, 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 Ambulance Paramedic and have been for 5 years. Prior to that I was an Ambulance Technician for about 4 years.

On Sunday 3 May I was dayshift 0700-1900 hours and I was working with David Taylor.

It was at the start of my shift, round about 7.30, my first call of the day, our call sign was Glenrothes 3210.

The nature of the call was a male police officer was assaulted and the initial locus was given as Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy.

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I was driving, I drove from our yard in Glenrothes. En-route, the locus of the incident was changed to Seafield Road and later to Hayfield Road and then Hayfield Road at its junction with Hendry.

I don't believe that these changes made any difference to our arrival time as they were changed before we got to Kirkcaldy from Glenrothes.

I believe it took me approximately 9 minutes to arrive at this locus, Hayfield Road at Hendry Road.

I was expecting a male police officer to be assaulted.

When I arrived I saw a person on the ground. I drove basically the full length of Hayfield Road from the hospital side.

The patient was lying on the pavement to our left, full body on the road, feet to the kerb and head nearest the houses so the feet were pointing to the middle of the road.

I would say there was about 8-12 police officers all in uniform, in and around the patient.

I remember at least two police vehicles on the road.

I don't recall any civilians or civilian vehicles in the general area.

I parked up my ambulance quite close to the patient facing Hendry Road. I was aware that there was a second or back-up ambulance coming from Leven.

David Taylor got out first and when I got out, I picked up the defibrillator and walked towards the patient. There was a male police officer carrying out CPR compressions on a male, black, well-built, strong physique, grey top. There were other officers kneeling round the patient, all males I think, maybe about 6 of them observing.

I think I took over with the compressions, relieving the male officer.

David Taylor ventilated the patient with a bag valve mask which is applied over the patient's mouth and nose. He would squeeze the bag to force oxygen into the lungs.

I felt for a pulse but I couldn't feel any. I very quickly made a decision to get the patient to the nearby hospital.

David had by now control of the patient's airway. I got a police officer, it may or may not have been the same one, to continue with CPR compressions.

I then returned to the vehicle and collected the trolley and stretcher, and simultaneously radioed in to advise the male, unknown age, was in cardiac arrest and advised that I was a couple of minutes away from the Victoria Hospital. This was to arrange for medical staff to be on stand by.

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With the assistance of the police officers I got the patient onto the stretcher and trolley and into the back of the ambulance.

I asked one of the male police officers to drive the ambulance whilst I worked on the patient in the back. I applied the defibrillator, oxygen was continued. At this time there was a trace of a pulse so no shock was administered. A CID officer, male, travelled in the back of the ambulance.

I had a look for a vein in the patient's arms to canulate but due to him being handcuffed to the front I was unable to get a proper look. I did not ask for the handcuffs to be removed. I do recall the CID officer confirming with the driver that he had keys for the handcuffs.

I now remember that the patient had leg restraints on which I removed in the resuscitation ward.

When I arrived and before I did anything to the patient one of the male officers who was kneeling down told me that the patient had to be restrained and a number of officers had been lying on the patient, words to that effect. I did not ask for specifics but I anticipated a chest injury.

I don't recall any officers advising me about the use of batons or CS Spray or PAVA Spray on the patient. I don't remember smelling CS Spray on the patient and I have had experience of dealing with patients who have been sprayed with CS.

Had I been told that I would have passed this on to the medical team, however on this occasion David Taylor did the handover.

I don't remember hearing radio communications from the police officers' radios when they were at the locus or in the ambulance referring to the use of police batons or CS Spray.

I do remember the name PC Connell being mentioned. I recall this because I know a [REDACTED]. My recollection was that PC Connell was to attend to an injured female police officer but I remember PC Connell being stood down.

When I had the patient in the back of our ambulance I asked the police officer if there was any other casualties. He told me that there was one other casualty who was already on the way to hospital. He never said male or female so I stood the second ambulance down.

At no time did I see any knives or weapons lying about at the locus.

I don't remember who cut the patient's t-shirt up the middle, it must have been me or David, to allow the defib pads to be fitted. I remember the hospital fully cutting the t-shirt off in Resus and I recall the female doctor asking the male police officer to remove the handcuffs. I believe the cuffs were removed at this point although I didn't actually see this.

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I didn't recognise any of the police officers that morning and I wouldn't be able to describe any. I was dealing with the patient who was my priority. I can confirm that this statement is a true and accurate record.

Signed : (Witness)

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