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WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S259**

PF Ref :

Surname : DEWAR Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Lorraine DoB : [REDACTED] 1966 Age : 49

Occupation : Public Counter & Station Assistant Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service : 3

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 24th of July 2015 11.00

By : DSI IAN MACINTYRE
Place : Kirkcaldy Police Office

In the presence of : DSI WILLIAM LITTLE

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 employed as a Public Counter and Station Assistant at Kirkcaldy PO, Fife.

I have performed this role for three years.

On Sunday 03/05/2015 I started duty at Kirkcaldy PO at about 0650 hours.

I am based in the front office of the Police Station.

I remember that I was working that day with the custody staff, SGT Eric Anderson and Constable Brian Geddes.

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There would have been one other person working in custody that day but, I can't remember who it was. I have been asked if it was PC Anthony Lamb but I can't remember.

My roles involves dealing with the public and admin.

In the front office is an airwave radio unit with a microphone and screen attached. You can hear conversations both ways on the radio, and whoever is talking, his/her identity is shown on the screen. This is the "ISSI Number" which relates to the officers airwave radio.

About 0710/0715 that day I heard on the radio about a male in Hayfield Road in possession of a knife. A female "walk in", a female walking had phoned in, and a passing motorist had phoned in.

I remember that the following officers were on shift that day, Team 4, Constables Alan Smith, Alan Paton, Nicole Short, Kayleigh Good, James McDonough, Craig Walker, acting SGT Scott Maxwell. You asked about PC Ashley Tomlinson, he was also on duty.

I heard the officers leave the office and go to the call.

I remember one unit saying they would go one route and another unit saying they would take a different route to the call.

That meant they would come in from both sides in Hayfield Road.

The next thing I remember was somebody pressing the red button on their radio, I mean that it is an emergency situation when someone presses the red button.

I heard something like, 'officer down'. The next thing someone asked for an ambulance, an officer had been struck on the head and body. There was a lot of radio traffic at this point. At this point I had to use the radio (alpha 10) to tell the controller that an ambulance was being sent to the wrong place, ie. Seafield Road instead of Hayfield Road. The controller noted what I had said.

Then I heard that someone was putting PC Short into a police vehicle, I realised that it was PC Short who had been injured.

It was quite frightening what I was hearing on the radio. The reason I say this is that because of the mention of the knife and that PC Short had been struck several times on the head and body, and the fact that PC Short is quite petite, it was very frightening.

The incident last roughly about thirty minutes, and the radio seemed to calm down about 0740 hours.

A while later, I don't know when, someone said that officers were back at the station. I don't know who said that.

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The person also said the officers were in the canteen. I went up to the canteen on my own to see that the officers were alright.

When I got into the canteen I saw that the mood was sombre.

When I looked into, when I got into the canteen, they were all there except for Nicole Short, as far as I can remember.

I asked them generally if they wanted anything, 'Smithy' Alan Smith asked for a coffee and 'Ash' Ashley Tomlinson asked for a can of juice. I didn't say anything to them, I just went away to get the coffee and the juice.

When I returned with the coffee and the juice there was a lady in plain clothes who entered the canteen at the same time. I didn't know who she was.

She said 'are you the ones involved in this incident' or words to this effect, and at this point, I left. I had no other conversation with the officers.

You have asked me about two Edinburgh officers that had been in the custody unit around this time, I don't remember these officers. I would not have had reason to enter the custody suite, I remain within the front office.

You have asked me about PC Mark Hay, I know of him but, I don't remember seeing him on Sunday 3 May 2015.

After I came down from the canteen, I think someone said, I don't know who, that the man was deceased.

You have asked me regarding general discussion about the incident in the front office. Yes, there was only general discussion, we didn't know any details. The only other information we knew about the incident is what we heard on the radio, the radio unit in the front office.

The general discussion would have involved myself, SGT Anderson and PC Geddes.

I remember that Inspector Jane, and you have told me her surname, Coombs. I have worked with her before. She asked me to make up no entry signs for the canteen.

She told me that there would be a lot of people, other officers coming to the office and that no one was to go to the canteen. That was all the conversation with her.

Graeme Dursley, Detective Sergeant, came to the front office and asked me for an image of the deceased [REDACTED] I printed off a black and white image of deceased. There was no conversation with DS Dursley regarding the incident.

DC Andy Brown came to the front office for a radio battery but, there was no conversation with him regarding the incident.

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You have asked me if any of the 9 officers involved in the incident came to the front office, or if I saw them again. Before half past one I think I saw all of the officers in the corridor on the ground floor that runs between the custody area and the MIT (Major Incident Team).

My statement has been read over to me by Investigator MacIntyre and I have signed each page of the statement.

This is a true and accurate statement.

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