

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency No: PFC0000000115 PF Ref: KC00000115

Witness Number:

SECTION 1 [Disclosable Details]

Surname: CONNELL Other or previous surname:

Forenames: DEREK Age: 38

Occupation: Other:

Officer Urn: PFC090405

Police Station: 78KY Years service: 5

Disclosable address:

Post Code:

Officer Shoulder No: [REDACTED] Officer Rank: DC

SECTION 2 [Provenance]

Statement taken or compiled: Compiled

Date and time: 04/05/20151300 Place: KIRKCALDY POLICE STATION

By: SELF Other person(s) present: NONE

Source: operational statement

Authentication: verified by officer as own statement

SECTION 3 [Free Text]

I am a Detective Constable currently stationed at Kirkcaldy and attached to the Criminal Investigation Department.

On 3rd May 2015, I was working a 0700 to 1600hours tour of duty in the Kirkcaldy area. On this date I was accompanied by DS DAVIDSON.

About 0715 hours, same date, I was made aware of a call to Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy where a black male (now deceased) was on the roadway in possession of a large knife.

DS DAVIDSON and I were then decided to attend at locus.

Due to the mention of the knife, I put on my body armour and picked up my Pava spray before leaving the office.

DS DAVIDSON and I then got into a silver marked CID police vehicle. I was the driver of this vehicle.

On driving out of the rear of Kirkcaldy police station, I was aware that there had been an emergency activation of a police radio.

I was then passed on the radio that an officer had been assaulted.

About 0720 hours, same date, I arrived at locus with DS DAVIDSON. As I turned right at the roundabout at Hendry Road onto Hayfield road, I observed officers in attendance.

On getting out of the vehicle, I observed officers struggling with the now deceased on the pavement of the south side of the road.

At this point, I went over to the officers. As I got to them I heard someone say that PC SHORT was injured. I was aware that other officers had been dispatched to this call, although not aware who.

I observed that there was a police radio, 3 police batons and a set of police handcuffs on the ground near to the officers.

Due to a safety and risk point of view, I then picked up the handcuffs and batons and placed them within my police vehicle.

Due to the mention that a knife was involved, I began to have a look on the street for any signs of it, when a uniformed officer shouted to me that it may be on the grassy area on the north side of the road.

I then conducted a search of the grassy area, where I located a silver knife on the grass a few feet away from the pavement on the north side of Hayfield Road, across from the roundabout with Hendry Road.

I then contacted DI ROBSON and DS DAVIDSON to make them aware that the knife had been located.

I was thereafter instructed by DI ROBSON to photograph the knife in situ and seize it to reduce the risk and preserve best evidence due to the inclement weather conditions.

About 0727 hours, I photographed and in the presence of DS DAVIDSON seized

LABEL KNIFE

And placed within my police vehicle.

I had a further search of the area to ensure that there were no other weapons.

I was aware at this point that PC WALKER was with the now deceased and carrying out CPR on him as he had become unresponsive.

On arrival of the ambulance, I was requested by DS DAVIDSON to accompany the paramedics with the now deceased to Victoria Hospital. I was thereafter passed personal effects of the deceased, namely a lighter and mobile phone.

I was then asked by the paramedic to continue chest compressions as the ambulance was being driven to the hospital.

The paramedic then took over from me, placing pads on the chest of the male.

I then accompanied the paramedics into the A&E department with the now deceased for a short period of time before being relieved by DC's BROWN and BALSILLIE.

About 0815 hours, same date, I returned to Kirkcaldy police station.

Due to the nature of the incident DS DAVIDSON and I seized

LABEL BATON 1

LABEL BATON 2

LABEL BATON 3

And

LABEL HANDCUFFS

Which were picked up from locus.

About 0830 hours, same date, DS DAVIDSON and I seized

LABEL LIGHTER

And

LABEL MOBILE PHONE

Which were the deceased's personal effects.

About 0845 hours, same date, I sent the picture of the knife to a police computer and printed

LABEL

PHOTO

About 1100 hours, same date, DS DAVIDSON and I returned to A&E department, Victoria Hospital to ascertain the identity of the now deceased from a CHS image and other image, where it was confirmed from a scar on his cheek that the now deceased was a Sheku BEYOH b. 30/09/1983.

I took no further part in this incident.

WITNESS STATEMENT
CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

SECTION 4 [Personal Details]

Alias/known as:

Date and place of birth:

Home address:

Post code:

Telephone:

Business address:

Post code:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:

E-mail:

Other:

Witness Type: Police

SCRO Number: NOT REQUESTED

SECTION 5 [Dates when unavailable in next 12 months]

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SECTION 6 [Any other confidential material]

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