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WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S011A**
PF Ref :

Surname : PARKER Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Wayne [REDACTED] DoB : [REDACTED] 1972 Age : 42

Occupation : Police Officer Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service : 8

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 2nd of June 2015 17.05

By : DSI BRIAN DODD
Place : Kirkcaldy Police Office

In the presence of : INV GARRY SINCLAIR

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 42 years of age and have completed 8 years of Police Service. I have been a Detective Constable for 3 years. I am based at Levenmouth Police Office, Methil.

On Sunday 3rd May, I was on a 0700-1600 hours duty within Levenmouth Criminal Investigation Department. That day I was paired and accompanied by DC Callum Clayton, shoulder number 245.

About 0745 hours same date I was made aware of an incident that had happened in Kirkcaldy. DS Dursley informed myself and other officers namely DC Clayton, DC Miller and DC Petrie that DS Sam Davidson had telephoned him from Kirkcaldy Police Office and told him there was an ongoing critical incident in relation to an

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altercation with a male in the Hayfield Road area of Kirkcaldy. I had to look at the Storm Call Card on the office computer and saw that it was an incident relating to a male with a knife on Hayfield Road.

I therefore attended at Kirkcaldy Police Office for a full briefing.

About 0820 hours, same date, I attended at the main CID room in Kirkcaldy Police Officer where a briefing took place.

I'm not 100% sure, but I think that DI Colin Robson gave the briefing.

The briefing was that there had been a call from a member of the public stating that a male had been seen going down the street carrying a knife. Officers had been dispatched and made contact with the male on Hayfield Road. The officers had approached the male who was black and he had attacked one of the officers at that time. The remaining officers had tried to restrain the male and he had become unconscious and taken to the hospital. His identity was not known at this time and the only medical update was that he was unconscious at Kirkcaldy Hospital.

Just before 0900 hours we were allocated our tasks. Myself, DC Clayton and DC Mitchell were requested to attend at Collette Bell's address at Arran Crescent, Kirkcaldy to carry out a welfare check on the home owner as this may have been related to the incident. A female at that address had returned home and found the property to be insecure. The rear door had been left open and there were items of clothing scattered on the kitchen floor. She reported that her partner Sheku Bayoh was missing.

The three of us travelled to Collette Bell's address at Arran Crescent but there was nobody at home. We contacted the office and ascertained that the householder Collette Bell was collecting her child from her mother's address and would return to Collette Bell's address at Arran Crescent soon.

About 0920 hours, same date, Collette Bell, born [REDACTED] 1988 at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Collette Bell's address at Arran Crescent Kirkcaldy returned to the address with her mother and young baby.

Collette Bell opened the front door and all three of us and her mother entered the house. It was quickly established that her partner was indeed Sheku Bayoh who hadn't returned home.

Collette sat on the couch in the living room with her mum. I asked her about why she had called the police and she told me about the mess in the house, her partner being missing and a call she had from one of her partners friends Zaheed. He had told Collette that Sheku had been with him the night before and he had flipped because someone had been disrespectful. Zaheed and Sheku had fell out in the house and Sheku had chased him down the street. Zaheed had warned Collette not to go back to the house because of his behaviour and state of mind. There was no mention of a knife at this time by Collette.

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I explained that we were at the address for a welfare check while DC Clayton went through the house to make sure there was nobody else there. This was for purely safety reasons and Collette's security. She needed to breastfeed her child and we needed to know there was nobody else in the house as it had been lying insecure all night.

As I was speaking to Collette, I asked her if Sheku had a phone. She explained that he had a phone which was lying on the television stand in the living room. I remember it was black in colour with a case. She said that he had another phone which was gold. I left DC's Clayton and Mitchell with Collette and her mum and baby in the living room. I went outside and updated DS Dursley by telephone of what Collette had told me. I told him about the phones and DS Dursley told me that a gold phone had been found on Hayfield Road where the incident took place.

About 1030 hours DS Dursley informed me that the address at Collette Bell's address at Arran Crescent was to be secured and protected as a crime scene. I explained to Collette Bell that there had been an incident in the morning that might be related to the insecure property.

Witness Collette Bell had a 15 week old child with Sheku, which required to be breast fed before we left the house and this is the reason for the time gap from arrival to securing the scene.

Collette Bell had the house keys. The front door was locked with the keys. Myself, DC's Clayton and Mitchell travelled in the CID car and Collette, mother and baby followed us in her red car which I think was a red Volkswagen Polo type vehicle.

There were two community officers from Kirkcaldy who arrived to remain in control of the house and a dog handler in his van at the rear of the property. There was no scene entry log at this time as it was locus protection until scenes of crime personnel arrived. PC McGlashen was given the house keys.

When we arrived at Kirkcaldy Police, I took Collette, baby and mum into the downstairs interview room. I left them with DC's Clayton and Mitchell and went to speak to DS Dursley. He told me that the black male from the incident earlier has passed away in the hospital. He told me that I had to pass the death message to Collette as it was believed that the male in hospital was her partner.

I went back into the interview room and told Collette there had been a critical incident this morning, whereby a black male had died and we believed it to be her partner Sheku Bayoh. She was totally shocked and wouldn't believe it was him. I explained that the gold phone had been found near to where the incident happened and it appeared to be related to the earlier incident involving Zaheed and Sheku.

Collette's mother handed the baby to DC Mitchell and tried to console Collette who was very upset. I explained to Collette that the house in Arran Crescent was a crime scene and she agreed to stay at her mother's meantime.

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When she had calmed down a bit, I noted a statement from Collette Bell on a major incident form in the presence of DC Mitchell, her mother and the baby. Collette Bell read over her statement and was very happy with it. There were no issues with the statement. I don't know why she would say the statement has a number of inconsistencies. At no time did I say to her that Sheku had died at the side of the road.

About 1510 hours, same date, in my presence DC Mitchell contacted Sheku Bayoh's sister Kadi Johnson. This was because it had been confirmed that the dead male was Sheku Bayoh. Identification had been confirmed. DS Dursley told me to trace his sister and deliver the same death message. Myself and DC Mitchell went to her house [REDACTED] to deliver the message.

We went to the door which was answered by Ade Johnson. He invited us in after we explained that we had to speak to Kadi.

There were Ade, Kadi, a child and some other family members in the kitchen.

DC Mitchell passed the death message which was exactly the same as we had given to Collette Bell. That was all we told her. We passed the message in the presence of Ade to Kadi. Ade asked us some questions about how Sheku had died but we didn't pass any other information apart from what DS Dursley told us to say. I explained the role of the Family Liaison Officer to them at this time. We spoke about formal identification. I gave Kadi Collette's phone number to call her as Collette had asked me to do this earlier. They seemed fine and we stuck to what we had been told to say. It was explained that it was early in the investigation and that they would be updated in due course.

We then left the address and headed back to Kirkcaldy Police Office to update DS Dursley. As we were travelling back to the office, there was a point to point message from DS Dursley who asked if we were still at the family house. We said no and he asked us to return to [REDACTED] ask the family if they were happy to have a visit from Senior Police Management. We went back to the house and went inside. By this time there was Ade, Kadi, Collette Bell, baby and mother and another female in the house. We asked them about Senior Management visiting and Ade said that he knew Detective Superintendent Gary McEwan through work he had done with the Police in Fife.

DC Mitchell got a point to point message and went outside the room to take the call. I remained in the livingroom. He came back in after about 5 minutes and explained that there wasn't any Senior Management available at the moment and he had been given a message to deliver to the family. He read it from his notebook verbatim. I don't remember the exact wording but it was along the lines of 'following an incident on Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy this morning, officers from Police Scotland attempted to arrest Sheku Bayoh. He became unconscious and was conveyed to hospital by Scottish Ambulance Service and despite efforts by hospital staff, died short after 9am this morning'. Ade got very upset and started shouting things about why there was such a delay in getting informed.

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He asked lots of questions and mentioned race relations in Fife community and other things. I have been asked a number of questions relating to the house visit.

At no time did we say Sheku had died in an ambulance or that the police were looking for two guys or we did not know where he had died. Again at no time did we ever mention that there was a warrant in existence for Sheku. After we left the house we returned to Kirkcaldy Police Office.

About 1830 hours, same date, after I had completed my first statement DC Parker and I were asked to attend a briefing in Kirkcaldy Police Office with the duty Superintendent Pat Campbell and the nominated FLO's who were two females and a male officer, I don't know their names. There was a handover to the FLO's by us basically informing them of what the family had been told and reaction from Ade Johnson and what to expect.

I later submitted a more detailed statement regarding the involvement in the incident.

This is a true and accurate account.

Signed : (Witness)

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