

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S174**  
PF Ref :

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Surname : JOHNSON Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Kadijatu [REDACTED] DoB : [REDACTED] 1977 Age : 37

Occupation : Staff Nurse Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service :

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 2nd of June 2015 14.10

By : INV ALISTAIR LEWIS

Place : [REDACTED]

In the presence of : INV JOHN CLERKIN

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 37 years of age and live at the address I have given, with my husband Ade Johnson. We have two daughters aged [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] old.

I am employed as a staff nurse at Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. I have been a staff nurse for 11 years.

I am the sister of Sheku Bayoh.

On Saturday 2 May 2015 it was my daughters [REDACTED] party. Sheku and other family members and friends were invited to our house to celebrate our daughter's birthday. The day started at 'WonderWall' in Kirkcaldy at 1pm (2.5.15). 'WonderWall' is a children's play area.

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After this family and friends returned to our house to continue the party. Sheku arrived here about 5 o'clock or just after 5 o'clock. Sheku said his partner Collette had dropped him off. Sheku was very happy. He helped me serve my guests, chatting to family and friends and playing with the children.

Sheku left our house about 10pm or between 10pm and 1030pm. He was hugging everyone before he left and he hugged me, in the hallway, before he went out the front door. He left with Saeed.

That was the last time I saw Sheku. About 3pm on Sunday afternoon (3.5.15) I was within my house when two plain clothes police officers called at our house. Ade answered the door. Ade called me through from the kitchen to the front room. At that time it was Ade and the two plain clothes police officers and myself who were in the front room. The officers were Andy and Wayne. I was asked what my relationship was to Sheku. I told them he was my brother. I was then told 'There is no easy way to tell you this, but Sheku has passed away.' Obviously I was upset. Ade started to ask questions about how Sheku had died. I remember Ade asking was he involved in an accident? They said no. Was he stabbed? They said No. Was he bleeding? They said no. How did he die? They said 'we do not know.' Then they said they are looking for two guys. I told them Sheku has a partner and does she know. They said yes. I did not have Collette's number at the time, so they gave me Collette's number and gave the phone to me while they (police) were here. I spoke to Collette. She was crying, I was crying, she asked if she should come over to our house. I said yes and she said she was on her way. Before Collette arrived the two police officers left, saying Family Liaison Officers would be in touch. I think sometime after 4pm (3.5.15) Collette arrived with baby [REDACTED] and her mum. Shortly after that the same two police officers, Andy and Wayne, came back to our house. They came back to ask if their 'gaffer' could come and speak to us. We said yes. By this time it was the two police officers, myself, Ade, Collette and her mum Lorraine who were in the front room. The police officers stayed with us for some time. The police officer who did not have a nursing background was going outside the front door to make and answer his mobile phone. This officer did not mention anything about these phone calls and I did not hear any of the conversation as he was outside. After several phone calls this officer came in and said his 'gaffer' was going to another meeting. He then read a statement from his police notebook. The police officers were sitting side by side. The officer reading his notebook, positioned the notebook in such a way his colleague could clearly read it also.

I can remember being told "the police have been involved in a forceful arrest and during that time they realised Shek was unconscious and ambulance was called and died by the time he got to the hospital."

By that time we all got upset because by that reading we thought the police had killed him (Sheku). I thought this because I said to the police officer from a nursing background, you are from a nursing background, I am from a nursing background, I said this is a black boy you have killed, we are from a big family and this is not going to go down well. Ade was asking questions about who phoned the ambulance. They said a passer-by and the police had phoned for an ambulance. I have used the word killed because they (police) have used the words 'forceful arrest' and this is my

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perception of what has happened. Before they left Ade asked who their gaffer was. They said Mr McEwan, to which Ade asked if it was Gary McEwan. At this point they appeared surprised that Ade should know Gary McEwan. Ade then told them he wanted to see Gary McEwan within 24 hours. They said they would pass that on. They then left. I think that was after 5 o'clock. They left and we started to inform family and friends about Sheku's death. Some family and friends had arrived at our house before Gary McEwan. Gary McEwan arrived at our house about 6 or just after 6pm. He was accompanied by a lady police officer. Both were in full uniform wearing high visibility jackets.

They were shown into the front room. By this time we had about 10 family and friends in the room. This is in addition to myself, Ade, Collette and Lorraine. They introduced themselves and Gary explained what happened. Gary did all the talking. He said members of the public had phoned in to say a man was in the middle of the road wielding a machete and six police officers attended the call. He said they, as in the six officers, had spoken to him (Sheku) to put the machete down and then he didn't and he went up to a police woman, he kicked the police woman, she fell to the ground, then he (Sheku) kicked and stamped on her head. They used their pepper spray that didn't work and they took their batons out and used their batons. During that time he became unconscious, the ambulance was called and he (sheku) died. When he mentioned the machete, he (McEwan) said it could be a knife, it could be a blade. A family member asked within the room, or possibly Ade asked, do you have the knife? Gary McEwan said yes. I said this is so out of character. This is not the boy I know and it is not the person who left here last night. Gary McEwan and the female police officer left after that. Before he left (McEwan) he told us what I have said is confidential and the information must be kept within the family. One of our group then referred to the local paper article, The Courier, stating he had read 15(fifteen) police officers had been involved in Sheku's death and a police woman was stabbed. He then said 'do not quote me on the six number, it could be more.' He left shortly after that. About 30 minutes later I was aware of another statement made by Gary McEwan and local MPs about the article in The Courier. This brought more anger as he had said keep it confidential and now it was out in the open.

We just feel the way we have been treated because of all different stories from them (Police Scotland) telling us. I feel it was disrespectful to be given so many different stories and for me the two guys who came to give me the news, how can you do this when you don't have the answers. I know Collette told the police at 9am(3.5.15) that I was Sheku's sister, but it took until 3pm on Sunday to inform me of his death. That causes me great concern. How can they look me in the face and read from their notes, making me believe this was from the Chief Superintendent. I asked him about that and he said he did not speak to anyone about a prepared statement. That, to me, is them(police) lying to me.

Sometime after 10pm Keith Harrower and another person (Alex McGuire) from the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) called at our house and explained the role of the PIRC and about the Post Mortem. Keith said the body of Sheku needs to be identified before the post mortem. We told him Sheku's mum is in London and Collette said she wants to see him (Sheku). He (Keith) asked when she is coming. I said Monday and other members of the family will be coming up and we will arrange for members of the family to identify Sheku. That never happened and

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we found out that the Post Mortem had gone ahead. From then on Ade represented the family. I have been asked about Sheku's health. As far as I know he kept good health, kept himself fit and I am not aware of him having any health problems or visits to the hospitals throughout his life. As of 2.6.15 I can confirm this is a true and accurate record of events and I have been given the opportunity to read over my statement.

Signed :

(Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname : JOHNSON      Forenames:      Kadijatu [REDACTED]  
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