

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S094A**
PF Ref :

Surname : DURSLEY Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Graeme [REDACTED] DoB : [REDACTED] 1978 Age : 37

Occupation : Detective Sergeant Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service : 18

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 11th of June 2015 10.50

By : ROSS STEWART
Place : Levenmouth Police Office

In the presence of : BRIAN DODD

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 have previously submitted an operational statement with regards to my involvement in the Police Scotland enquiry into the death of Sheku Bayoh.

I have been asked to clarify a number of points in my statement. I confirm that at no time did I visit any of the loci. I was office bound during this enquiry.

I confirm that I did not speak to or communicate with any of the uniform officers who were involved in this incident, on the Sunday 3 May and thereafter, with regards to this incident.

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I can confirm that Collette Bell was not in Kirkcaldy Police Office just after 0904 hours. It was definitely closer to 1045 when DC Wayne Parker and DC Andy Mitchell brought her back.

My shoulder number is 960814, my call sign which is permanent is Papa Whiskey One Five Six. This call sign is assigned to me even when I'm in a vehicle.

With regards to the death messages delivered to Collette Bell and thereafter the family. When Collette Bell was within Kirkcaldy Police Office, I spoke to DI Colin Robson, and whilst I did think it was Sheku Bayoh who was dead, at that time there was no formal identification so between me and Colin Robson we delegated Wayne Parker to tell Collette Bell, words to the effect that, "a black male had been found dead and we suspected that it may be her partner". We based this on the fact that there was a black male dead and that a gold coloured mobile phone was found at the locus. Collette Bell had previously that morning told DC Wayne Parker that Sheku had an unusual gold coloured mobile phone. The wording of the death message is not recorded anywhere in any format.

With regards to the death message delivered to the next of kin later that afternoon, Detective Superintendent Pat Campbell handed me a written note on a piece of paper with the wording that he told me he wanted the family told. I don't know if Pat Campbell wrote the message himself, but I asked him for it. He came down and handed it to me within Kirkcaldy Police Office.

I have kept this handwritten message and I am now handing over

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which I have signed as a documentary backing sheet for.

The two messages were definitely different and not the same as I previously mentioned in my operational statement.

Just to clarify there were actually 3 different death messages delivered on Sunday 3 May.

The two I have mentioned, and in between times, Wayne Parker and Andy Mitchell initially informed Sheku Bayoh's sister Kadi Johnston, that the person we believed to be dead was Sheku Bayoh and we based this on the police having formally identified Sheku Bayoh. Although the family weren't told who identified Sheku Bayoh, it was DS Samantha Davidson and I believe this process involved photographic identification of some sort.

I previously gave instructions to DCs Parker and Mitchell when they delivered the pre-prepared statement, which in effect was the 3rd message. I knew that my detectives would get bombarded with questions from the family on the back of this prepared statement and I specifically told them not to answer any questions directed at them as they were not in a position to answer.

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After the first visit to [REDACTED] the home of Kadi Johnston, I was speaking to Chief Superintendent Gerry McEwan in the corridor of Kirkcaldy Police Office when I told him that the death message had been delivered to the family. At this time he told me that senior management would be visiting the family. I assumed it would be him, he never confirmed he was going.

I spoke to him about what the family should be told and he said that it would be an SIO decision. That's when Pat Campbell got involved and he later handed me the handwritten statement.

I do know that Gary McEwan and Chief Inspector Nicole Shepherd went to see the family later because I saw them return.

With regards to operational statements I remember seeing both Andy Mitchell and Wayne Parker's operational statements. I knew that the PIRC would be wanting to interview them both so I told both of them to make sure there was sufficient details in their statements.

I did not see their second statements.

I can confirm that this statement is a true and accurate record.

Signed :

(Witness)

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CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

Surname : DURSLEY Forenames: Graeme [REDACTED]
Alias/known as :

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Dates when unavailable in next 12 months :

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