

WITNESS STATEMENT

Agency Ref : **S129A**
PF Ref :

Surname : MCEWAN Other or previous surname :

Forenames : Garry DoB : / / Age : 42

Occupation : Police Officer Other Occupation :

Police Station : Years Service : 25

Disclosable address :

Post Code:

This statement was taken :

Date and time : 24th of June 2015 10.05

By : INV BRIAN DODD
Place : Randolphfield Police Office, Stirling

In the presence of : INV ROSS STEWART

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 already provided a statement to PIRC in relation to my involvement in the death of Sheku Bayoh on 3 May 2015 in Kirkcaldy.

I have been asked regarding the Gold Group meeting of 1130 hours on 3 May 2015 and in particular about whether it was discussed that officers would provide statements regarding their involvement. I don't recall this at the meeting, but what I didn't previously mention is that I went to the canteen sometime before the Gold Group meeting and before Chief Inspector Conrad Trickett arrived, to speak to the officers. This was purely for welfare purposes.

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There were two Federation Representatives present along with the full compliment of officers involved in the incident, including Nicole Short.

I have been asked about the initial death message which was given to the family and the form of words used. I recall speaking to DS Dursley regarding officers who had attended at [REDACTED] and that the family were wanting to know more information. I advised DS Dursley to speak to Detective Superintendent Campbell and to see what information could be provided to the family to update them surrounding the circumstances.

A short time later two CID officers came back to Kirkcaldy Police Office and I spoke to them with Chief Inspector Nicola Shepherd. I wanted to try and understand what was happening in the family environment and the impact on the local community. They advised me that their visit had little positive impact so I decided that myself and Nicola Shepherd would attend and speak to the family.

I have been shown the

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decision 23, which relates to a form of words for the cause of death which could be passed to family and police officers. There was a meeting between Detective Superintendent Pat Campbell and PIRC during which this was discussed. I wasn't present.

Detective Superintendent telephoned myself with the form of words and also sent written confirmation that it had been agreed with PIRC.

I was at Glenrothes Police Station. My intention was to attend at Kirkcaldy Police Office and pass the form of words to the officers. I telephoned the P.I.O. Stevie Kay the T/Inspector who advised me that the officers had finished for the day and had left the office. I asked Stevie Kay to contact each officer individually and deliver the form of words to them. I also sent the form of words electronically to make sure the message was accurate.

At no time during this investigation have I been involved in the matter around the provision of statements by officers. My focus has been staff welfare, community tension and reassurance and providing support when and where I can to Sheku Bayoh's family.

This is a true and accurate record.

Signed : (Witness)

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Surname : MCEWAN Forenames: Garry
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