

## WITNESS STATEMENT

Statements for Death Report

Agency No:

PF Ref:

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### SECTION 1 [Disclosable Details]

Witness Number

Surname: BOAL

Other or previous surname: N/A

Forenames: Lesley

Age: 49

Occupation: Police Officer

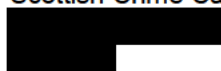
Other:

Police Station: Scottish Crime Campus

Years service: 28

Officer URN:

Disclosable Address: Scottish Crime Campus



Post Code:



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### SECTION 2 [Provenance - all mandatory fields]

Statement taken or compiled: compiled

Date and time:

Place: Fettes

By: self

Other person(s) present: No

Source:

Authentication:

read over

signed

refused to sign

tape

video

verified by officer as own statement

### SECTION 3 [Free text]

I am a Detective Chief Superintendent with Police Scotland and have completed 28 years police service. My current role is Detective Chief Superintendent with national responsibility for Public Protection. In addition to this role I, along with the other 4 Detective Chief Superintendents, undertake on call responsibility and have oversight of all significant crime issues across Scotland for the week 'on call' period.

I commenced a week of on call on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

About 0645hrs on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 I paraded for duty at Fettes Police Station, Edinburgh. About 0800hrs I received a telephone call from Chief Superintendent MCEWAN during which time I was informed that about 0700hrs that morning a number of calls from members of the public had been received reporting that a male, in possession, of a knife was chasing cars and causing alarm in Kirkcaldy. He informed me that in response a number of local officers had attended and, to effect arrest, had used force, specifically 'CS spray' and police baton. He informed me that after handcuff and leg restraints had been applied the male had stopped breathing, officers commenced CPR and an ambulance had been summonsed. I was also informed that in addition to the male being conveyed to hospital and female police officer required medical attention. It was unclear at that time whether the officer had received a stabbing injury or not. I informed Chief Superintendent MCEWAN that I would contact Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL, who was the 'on call' Detective Superintendent for the East of Scotland and ask him to attend as a matter of urgency.

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About 0815hrs same date I made telephone contact with Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL, relayed the information I had been passed by Chief Superintendent MCEWAN and asked that he attend at Kirkcaldy Police Station. Conscious of the possible negative perception of local officers carrying out such investigations I asked Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL to muster Detective Officers from neighbouring Divisions and Police Scotland's Major Investigation Team to assist him, as far as possible, to undertake priority actions.

About 0845hrs same date I received a further phone call from Chief Superintendent MCEWAN who informed me that a female had contacted the police reporting that she had returned home to find her dwelling insecure, there appeared signs of a disturbance within and her partner was missing. Chief Superintendent MCEWAN informed me that the description of the male who had been arrested was similar to the male the caller had raised concerns about.

About 0850hrs same date I made telephone contact with Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL and appointed him as Senior Investigating Officer until such a time as instructed otherwise.

At 0930hrs same date I took part in the routine executive conference which reviews significant events over the preceding 24 hours and plans for known events taking place in the succeeding 24 hours. During this time I was informed that the male, who was believed to be Sheku Ahmed Tejan BEYOH, had died and, at 0910hrs, Chief Superintendent MCEWAN had declared this a critical incident. I was informed that Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service was instructing the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC) to take over and lead the investigation. I was informed that there would be a Gold Meeting at Kirkcaldy at 1130hrs and agreed to attend.

Prior to leaving Fettes I spoke with Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL specifically about resources and availability of personnel to assist or undertake key posts such as Crime Scene Manager, Crime Scene Co-ordinator, Family Liaison Officers, House to House Co-ordinator, CCTV Co-ordinator, Production Officer, Interview Advisor, Diversity and Equality Advisor and Office Manager until otherwise directed by the PIRC.

I advised Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL to, in the interim, request Detective Chief Inspector HOUSTON to attend at Kirkcaldy to act as Crime Scene Co-ordinator. I subsequently arranged for contact to be made or made or attempted to make contact myself with both on and off duty experienced officers who, as far as possible, had a regional or national role. This included contact with [REDACTED], who was unavailable that day, and eventual contact with Detective Chief Inspector HARDIE, who subsequently attended at Kirkcaldy.

On route to Kirkcaldy, I became conscious of adverse weather conditions and contacted Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL by phone to confirm tents had been erected at the scene. At this time I was informed that, albeit the scene had been secured and a scene entry log commenced, the decision had been taken earlier to photograph items, including a knife and police batons, in situ and lift them. I enquired as to whether SPA Scene Examination had been in attendance and was informed that due to inclement weather conditions and the potential need for forensic examination the decision had been taken for the scene photograph to be captured on an officer's mobile phone.

At 1130hrs same date I attended a Gold Meeting, which was chaired by ACC Nicolson, at Kirkcaldy Police Station where, after an initial briefing of the circumstances known at that time, it was confirmed that this would be a PIRC lead investigation and Mr Keith HARROWER had been appointed Investigating Officer. I was informed that Mr HARROWER and PIRC investigators were expected to arrive at Kirkcaldy Police Station imminently for the purposes of briefing and taking over the investigation.

I thereafter reviewed a draft media release which had been prepared by Chief Superintendent MCEWAN. This included an appeal for witnesses. This media release was subsequently not released on the instructions of Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Having been informed that PAVA spray had been deployed I confirmed that this had not been the first deployment within Police Scotland during its phased introduction.

I also discussed with Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL and Detective Chief Inspector HOUSTON the strategy for the forensic recovery of outer clothing and police equipment from officers who had attended the incident.

About 1330hrs Mr HARROWER and other PIRC investigators attended. A briefing, which provided the same information as provided at the Gold Meeting was provided. It was confirmed at this time that Sheku Ahmed Tejan BEYOH's sister was his next of kin and that she lived [REDACTED]. I highlighted to

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Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL that, given the information and chronology established along with identification by photograph, there was an urgent need to notify her of the death.

In the absence of any strategy being discussed, I suggested that, in the interim, each police lead would draw up a strategy, for example forensic strategy, house to house strategy etc and obtain Mr HARROWER's agreement and sign off prior to implementation. This didn't receive clear endorsement. The only real information provided was that there would be PIRC investigators deployed to the hospital to undertake body transfer to the mortuary; a couple of PIRC investigators would be deployed at the main scene at Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy and Family Liaison would be handed over to the PIRC at an early juncture.

[REDACTED]

About 1550hrs I spoke with Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL who informed me that Mr BEYOH's next of kin was aware of the death but had not been informed that there had been police contact at the time of his death. As such I and Detective Superintendent CAMPBELL drafted a form of words.

About 1700hrs I attended the Forensic Strategy Meeting which, albeit all PIRC investigators were present, was chaired by Detective Chief Inspector HOUSTON. Also present for the initial generic briefing was other key staff who had attended, including HOLMES trained staff.

About 1822hrs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] during this time I was aware that Chief Superintendent MCEWAN was visiting Mr BEYOH's sister.

About 1950hrs I attended a Gold Meeting chaired by ACC Nicolson where an update as to the investigation and also liaison between Chief Superintendent MCEWAN and Mr BEYOH's family was provided. It was clear from Chief Superintendent MCEWAN's update that the deployment of FLOs from Police Scotland would only further upset a grieving family and timeous PIRC FLO deployment was advised. I was aware that Mr HARROWER had undertaken to get back to ACC Nicolson on this point.

I returned to Fettes [REDACTED] and retired from duty about 0100hrs on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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### CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT TO BE DISCLOSED

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#### SECTION 4

#### [Personal Details]

Alias/known as: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and place of birth: [REDACTED]/1966

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: Scottish Crime Campus Telephone: [REDACTED]

mp103 (04/07)

**WITNESS STATEMENT**

[Redacted]

Post Code:

[Redacted]

SCRO No:

Mobile:

[Redacted]

Fax:

E mail:

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Other:

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**SECTION 5**

**[Dates when unavailable in next 12 months]**

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From  
From

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**SECTION 6**

**[Any other confidential material]**