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Person interviewed: Amandip Singh JOHAL

Place of interview: Chesterfield Police Station

Date of interview: 24 June 2006

Time commenced: 18.16 hours

Time concluded: 18.47 hours

Duration of interview: 31 minutes

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Interviewing Officer(s): PC 2866 McGROGAN

Other persons present: Gazala KAUSER – Legal Representative

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Introduction and Caution in accordance with PACE. The suspect was advised of their right to free and independent legal advice.

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Second Interview. JOHAL confirmed that he had not been questioned during the break in interview. PC McGROGAN explained that at the end of the previous interview they had been discussing the account of Susan LEES. JOHAL said that the sister had said to the brother with the skinhead, that he was a troublemaker who caused bother wherever he went. PC McGROGAN clarified that the comment made by the sister, had been why do you always have to do this. He continued to disclose the account of Susan LEES. JOHAL had not seen the Mother get out of bed to try and stop the fight. He added that the situation had been absolutely disgraceful but caused by her son. He said from the

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statements it appeared that three people claimed they had opened the door and this indicated just how difficult it was to explain what had happened in the heat of the moment. He agreed that two males had fallen through the door. He further agreed that people had possibly stepped in to pull the male off him. He knew his parents had told him that they had pulled the man off him. He said he could appreciate that it might have appeared his Father had been involved in the incident, but said this had not been the case and that he had just been trying to stop it.

9.09 PC McGROGAN submitted the account of Nicola TOMLIN. JOHAL said he had been disgusted by what had happened as well.

11.37 The account of John GREAVES, an independent witness was then disclosed.

14.24 PC McGROGAN then submitted the account of Thomas GREAVES, John's brother. JOHAL could not recall any members of staff grabbing hold of him. He confirmed he had tried to fend the males off him and get away.

19.13 It was disclosed that as a result of this incident, Martin GLASGOW had sustained severe swelling to his left eye and broken glasses and had required treatment in the Accident and Emergency Department.

19.24 PC McGROGAN "How can you account for him having those injuries, can you give any account for them?"

JOHAL "Well I don't know how he's got injured like I said he did fall through the door and that may have done it but like I said to

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		your other Officer, yeah I was trying to get him off me and I was flailing my arms round a lot of the time because there was three of them on me and yeah I did punch him to try and get him off me as well but to say that did I punch him, no I can't say that I did do that, I wouldn't know, I don't know how that was caused."
	PC McGROGAN	"So you're saying you don't know, you're saying you could have or you don't or you didn't punch him?"
	JOHAL	"[...] I know he fell into the door and I know he hit the door as I escaped, that could have caused injury. I don't know what sort of handle it was so I'm saying it was probably that [...]."
	PC McGROGAN	"His glasses have broken, he's got clear definite swelling to above his left eye where his glasses have been broken and it's been hit into his head and it's swollen up."
	JOHAL	"Like I said the door could have done it, I don't know what stage, I don't know when it happened or how it was caused but like I said he did fall through the door head first and I reckon it might have been the door."
	PC McGROGAN	"He along with his two brothers have said that you caused that injury by punching him to that eye while he was in the corridor causing his glasses to break."
	JOHAL	"Is that when it all started or?"
	PC McGROGAN	"Yes."
	JOHAL	"No that's a complete lie, as I said he threw the punch, he started the fight, he caused it and they're obviously just lying [...] they've obviously got together and told lies in their statement which I'm telling you is 100% untrue."
	PC McGROGAN	"Going back to how the fight initially started then is you walked through. What do you believe has caused, is there anything that you can."
	JOHAL	"What's caused it, obviously they're racist and they're very hyped up. I don't know if they've had some incident with I

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don't know some other coloured person the day before, I have no idea what's caused it [...] particularly the skin head one, he was particularly hyped up for a fight and he wanted a fight and he knows that I'm not interested in fighting and as I've turned he's obviously hit me because I was obviously quite upset at the time with me Grandma and everything else and obviously to have a fight there would be worse than having a fight anyway, I wouldn't have a fight anyway but to have one in the Hospital in the Coronary Care, it's an absolute, it's [...] the worse place to have a fight."

21.41

The Solicitor pointed out that the Senior Staff Nurse had claimed in her account she had overheard the complainant shouting Paki bastard after the incident had ended. She said that this corroborated her clients account in that there had been a potential to be racist in the beginning, if these were the remarks hailed afterwards. PC McGROGAN said there was no corroborative evidence to say that the comments had been made in the corridor initially. JOHAL clarified that when he had said sit down to the male whilst in the corridor, he had also said I'm going which indicated his intention to leave not fight. As he turned the male hit him. He said his Mum had told him that she had overheard the male say to the sister later that nobody tells me to sit down and this also indicated the males aggression.

25.00

PC McGROGAN

"I put it to you that as you went to leave the door, comments were made which you heard and that you were upset by them and the general situation and that you reacted to what they said and challenged them in an aggressive manner?"

JOHAL

"Well that's not true no, [...] I heard them call me names yes but I ignored the first one and then when he said it a second

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time I didn't challenge them at all, [...] I just turned round and said excuse me and that's when he jumped up and went right into my face trying to cause a fight and he did it straight away and to say that I had been aggressive no it was complete, you see the frame of mind that I was in I'm like thinking, I was quite tired, I'd had nothing to eat all day, I mean Gran was obviously ill so I was quite sort of in a weak frame of mind I would say so I was [...] defeatist and trying to walk out and he's taken advantage of that and actually hit me."

25.48

The Solicitor added that the two independent witnesses had also claimed that the white male had been very aggressive towards her client. PC McGROGAN said it appeared from the witness accounts that Graham GLASGOW had been a bystander and made no attempt to hit JOHAL. JOHAL felt that Graham had tried to smother him. PC McGROGAN pointed out that no reference had been made to this in JOHAL's initial six-page statement. He put it to JOHAL that he was now embellishing his account. JOHAL reiterated he had told the Police Constable initially that Graham had been involved. He again said that he had rushed the account because of the situation with his Gran at the time. He clarified that Graham had tried to stop him from shouting for help when they had been in the corridor.

28.40

PC McGROGAN

"It's quite clear that both GLASGOW brothers have also got injuries as well as yourself and that all three of you equally in the corridor continued to fight and cause a disturbance?"

JOHAL

"As I understand it what you've told me is that one of the brothers, the skin head one has got one injury to the eye which could have happened from the door or me, I don't know, and the other one has got scratches to his neck. If you look at my

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photographs I've got severe bruising all over my face, I've got a four inch scar now which I've been told is permanent across my face and I had [...] back ache and I other injuries as well and bruises to my leg and so on as well so mine are far, far worse than what they would have sustained by a mile 'cos they were the ones that were actually attacking me and obviously because I'm flailing my arms trying to defend myself then if they've got the odd bruise here and there, but as I said I was the one who was beaten up, I was actually physically attacked and beaten up, I have got the photographs to prove that."

29.43

The Solicitor pointed out that even if her client had started something then the way in which the male had reacted had been to use excessive force, which was not justified as self defence.

30.01

PC McGROGAN

"I put it to you afterwards that while this has continued and gone through into the ward that the force that you used was aggressive when it could have been stopped and that other people intervened, you continued to?"

JOHAL

"I hoped people had intervened better, [...] I was hoping that people would be able to pull them off but because they were so aggressive people couldn't easily do that."

PC McGROGAN

"Are you saying that you didn't continue to carry on the fight once you'd?"

JOHAL

"[...] When you say continue the fight, I'm trying to defend myself, I'm not fighting as in a fight, I'm trying to stop them from hitting me, that's what I'm trying to do but you've got to, if you've been hit like 50 times in the head, I mean I'm quite light headed by that time as well, I had massive bumps to my head [...] and bruises and stuff [...] I'm trying to get them off me, I'm

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trying to stop it and obviously that's going to look like fighting, I'm not saying I didn't try to stop them, I did try to stop them but that's only 'cos I'm in so much pain and I'm getting hit from all of them [...] they're the ones that are causing the fight."

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When asked if there was anything further JOHAL wished to add or clarify he said that the brothers were lying and it was he who had been assaulted.

Interview terminated 18.47 hours.

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