

IN THE SHEFFIELD CROWN COURT

The Crown Court,
Castle Street,
Sheffield

25th June, 1985.

Before

HIS HONOUR JUDGE GERALD COLES, Q.C.

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-v-

WILLIAM ALBERT GREENAWAY

and Others

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MR. K.R. KEEN

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JUDGE COLES: Members of the Jury, I'm sorry we have lost time again. It couldn't be helped.

MR. WALSH: The next Defendant with whom we are to deal, your Honour, is Arthur Howard Crichlow and I intend to call the arresting Officers who dealt with his case now. They are Constables Norris and Abson and they start in your Honour's bundle at Page 265. Constable Norris, please.

POLICE CONSTABLE PAUL EDMUND NORRIS Sworn

Examined by MR. WALSH:

- Q. Now, are you Paul Edmund Norris? - A. Indeed I am, yes.
- Q. Police Constable? - A. Yes.
- Q. In the West Midlands Force, stationed in Birmingham? - A. That's correct.
- Q. A word of advice and warning - this Court is very difficult sometimes in which to be heard, so would you speak up? Remember that the Jury towards the back there particularly need to hear you and the Defendants, who are sitting in the back two rows in Court. Were you attached to the same station at Birmingham in June last year? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And on Monday, 18th June, together with other officers, did you go to the premises of the Orgreave coking plant at Highfield Lane in Orgreave, near Sheffield? - A. I did, yes.
- Q. Were you a member of a particular Police Support Unit? - A. I was, yes.
- Q. And who was your Inspector? - A. I believe it was Inspector Bennett.
- Q. Now, we know of an Inspector Bennett from Merseyside. Is this a Midlands Inspector Bennett? - A. It is the West Midlands officer, yes.
- Q. Do you happen to know his first name? - A. Larry, I do believe.
- Q. Larry? - A. Yes.
- Q. Had you been to Orgreave on any previous occasion? - A. I had, yes.
- Q. When was that, or was it once or more than once? - A. I believe it would be about twice.
- Q. Do you remember approximately when? - A. I do not. It was prior to June 18th.
- Q. Was that in connection with the picketing that was going on then? - A. Yes, that's correct.

- Q. And you were a member of a Police Support Unit. Had the same unit gone on those previous occasions, or were you with different people?
- A. The unit changes. We went on a daily rota.
- Q. And upon what does it depend, the unit changes? - A. Well, people on holiday, annual leave, other commitments.
- Q. Did you go to Orgreave that morning or did you arrive the previous day?
- A. We went that morning.
- Q. From? - A. Birmingham.
- Q. And about what time did you arrive? - A. It would be about half past six.
- Q. Following your arrival were you immediately put into active duty or not? - A. Immediately deployed to the picket lines with no protective gear.
- Q. So, that is as soon as you park your vans? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Is that all 23 of you? - A. It is the 23, yes.
- Q. And where was the picket line or the Police line, I should call it, at that stage? - A. Where it usually is. Difficult to describe it, really.
- Q. You know the area? - A. Yes.
- Q. And does the word "topside" mean something to you? - A. Yes.
- Q. Was it on topside? - A. It was indeed, yes.
- Q. We know, and if necessary I can show you a plan, a photograph, in a few moments, that uphill of the maingate of Orgreave there is a small side road that leads across from Highfield Lane, bordering the field?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And that above that there is the field leading to the bridge? -
A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Now, could you tell us whereabouts the cordon and the Police line was in relation to - A. On the road joining the field.
- Q. And so, when you yourself and your colleagues joined the cordon, were you on the road, from what you say? - A. Definitely on the road, yes, but the actual Police line was several Police Officers deep at that stage.
- Q. And so this is still very early in the morning? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. About how long did you stay on the cordon? - A. Not very long at all before we were re-deployed to attire ourselves in riot gear.
- Q. Let's just see if we can get a timing approximately. Were you still on the cordon without riot gear at the time when the lorries arrived at the coking plant? - A. I've no idea.

- Q. So, you have no recollection of the lorries arriving? - A. No, unfortunately the timings about that are approximate because I took my watch off.
- Q. You don't know what time the lorries arrived. Were you conscious of the lorries arriving? - A. No, not at all.
- Q. Very well. Likewise, we know that the lorries spent about an hour at Orgreave before they departed. Were you - did you see them depart? - A. No, I've no idea.
- Q. So, you are not able to tell us what you were doing at the times the lorries came and went? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Well now, you had been, if I understand it, a short time on the Police line before you were instructed to put on protective equipment? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Where did you go to do that? - A. Back to the van.
- Q. Which was where? - A. It's on the car park, actually on the Orgreave coking plant itself.
- Q. All right. We know where that is. And when you put on your protective equipment, was that the whole of your PSU that did that? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And what did you put on? - A. A NATO helmet.
- Q. Yes? - A. That's all for me. That's all in my case.
- Q. Did you have anything else at all? - A. No.
- Q. And you may just be able to help us. There is a helmet down to your left-hand, if you look. Be careful as you step down because there is a lot of things there. Could you just pick it up, please? - A. Yes.
- Q. We know different Forces have different types of helmet. Can you tell us where this - A. This is the same type as West Midlands Police use.
- Q. If you look at the visor, what looks like a silver band/^{on} the top with the word "Police" written on the band? - A. Indeed so, sir.
- Q. And that is exactly the same as you have? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: Turn it round. It has "SYP" on it? - A. Yes, South Yorkshire Police.
- Q. Do you have the same sort of letters? - A. We do now, but I don't think we did at the time.
- Q. MR. WALSH: You yourself then are in a helmet, otherwise in ordinary Police uniform? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. What about your colleagues? - A. My colleagues - P.C. Abson, he attired himself with this, the helmet, and a round riot shield.

- Q. Right. Did you spend long in the car park, so equipped, before you were called into action? - A. No. As soon as we equipped ourselves we went straight into the picket line again.
- Q. And did you proceed up to the picket line under the command of Inspector Bennett? - A. That's correct.
- Q. And what was happening as you approached the picket line? - A. There was a hell of a lot of missiles being thrown at the Police line.
- Q. Could you see where those missiles were coming from and who was throwing them? - A. Not at that stage, no.
- Q. Could you see what sort of missiles they were? - A. Yes, bricks.
- Q. Anything else? - A. And stones.
- Q. Anything else, specifically? - A. Not at that stage, no, though I know other things were thrown.
- Q. Well, this is as you are proceeding up the road towards the Police cordon? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Did a time come when you reached the cordon? - A. Yes.
- Q. And when you reached it was your PSU in the field or on the road? - A. On the road.
- Q. Did you go up in some sort of formation or not? - A. I don't believe we did, apart from the four, we just basically ran to the line.
- Q. Your four? - A. Yes.
- Q. So, when you got to the line there you were, you and your four, and the rest of your PSU? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Are you able to tell us approximately how many cordons deep the Police line was then? - A. I have no idea. It was quite deep.
- Q. Right. Now, you have reached the Police cordon - presumably, the way you described it, the back of the Police cordon? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Did you stop? - A. Yes.
- Q. And what was happening at that time? - A. Well, people just shouting out orders. Obviously, there was several missiles being thrown over our heads and about us.
- Q. What happened next? - A. The Police cordon broke and we were ordered to disperse the crowd.
- Q. Who was it who ordered you to disperse the crowd? - A. I've no idea. My orders came from my Sergeant at that stage.
- Q. And did you see or hear what it was that caused the cordon to break? - A. I've no idea. Police horses were probably involved.
- Q. I'm sorry? - A. The Police horses.

- Q. You have not told us yet about any Police horses. - A. My apologies.
- Q. No. It may be the way I asked the questions. - A. The Police horses had formed up behind the Police line.
- Q. So, when you reached the Police line, does that mean you were behind the horses? - A. No, no. The horses were behind us, but as the line broke the Police horses went in first.
- Q. So, did you have to move apart to let them go through or did they go round you? - A. I personally didn't have to move, but several other Police officers did, obviously.
- Q. So, the Police line breaks, the horses go through and you follow? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And describe what happened as you went through? - A. Missiles were still being thrown, but the pickets that had gathered there, several thousands, began to move backwards. We just ran up the road, then retired. We did this twice.
- Q. Just pause. You ran up the road, about how far? - A. At this stage, quite a distance, about 100/150 yards.
- Q. What determined how far you went? - A. Commonsense.
- Q. Explain. - A. Well, certainly you don't go so far as to alienate yourself from the other Police Officers.
- Q. Yes. And so did someone make a decision to halt or go no further? - A. I did have an order to halt, actually, yes.
- Q. From? - A. From my Sergeant.
- Q. When you halted were the Police horses still ahead of you? - A. No. They had retreated.
- Q. And what did you do when you halted? - A. Just stood there.
- Q. Now, obviously - I say "obviously", but are you still in your group of four at this point? - A. Basically, yes, but we do get split up. Obviously, it's very difficult to go all the distance in a group of four.
- Q. Well, just tell me then, as you had been going up this distance, trying to keep your group of four together, what were you four actually doing? - A. Well, basically, just scaring the pickets away.
- Q. And how did you do that? - A. Well, just running at them.
- Q. Did you yourself, or any of your four that you could see, come into contact with any of the pickets? - A. Only one or two.
- Q. And what happened when you did? - A. Tried to push them, to tell them to move on.
- Q. Did you push anybody? - A. I didn't personally, no.

- Q. Did any of your four push? - A. P.C. Abson did, yes.
- Q. P.C. Abson did? Just describe what he did, will you? - A. Just pushing someone with a shield.
- Q. Was that person knocked over? - A. No, no.
- Q. Right. Now, you have got to the point where I think you said it was your Sergeant said, "Stop"? - A. That's correct.
- Q. And do you stay in that stationary position for a moment or two, or longer? - A. It was only a moment or two until we retreated.
- Q. When you were in that advance position, before you retreated, were you able to see how many more Police had advanced with you to that point? - A. I've no idea, at the time, no.
- Q. Is it possible that you could tell us whether you were just in a little group of your own or whether other Policemen - A. There were certainly other Policemen there.
- Q. And then you were told to retreat? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And did you do so? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. And where did you go? - A. Back to the Police line.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: The original one? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. MR. WALSH: Are you able to tell us whether the original Police line had remained in the same position in which it was when you came through it or whether it had moved? - A. No, it had remained stationary at that time.
- Q. Well now, you told us about one move forward in this way and I think you said - and I will be corrected if I am wrong - that you did this more than once? - A. We did it twice, yes.
- Q. So, you yourself, you have told us, came into contact with nobody on this first move? - A. I made no contact on that move.
- Q. And so, without asking you in detail, was the second move forward in any way different from the one you have just described? - A. No, no.
- Q. So, does that mean that you withdrew after the second move behind the Police line? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: It, again, hadn't moved? - A. It hadn't moved at this stage, no.
- Q. MR. WALSH: I know, from what you have told us, that this may be a very difficult question for you: Are you able to tell us about what time of the day it was? - A. I have no idea.
- Q. Right. What was the next thing that happened? - A. We were withdrawn from the picket line for refreshments and by the time we rejoined the actual Police line, it had moved forward.

- Q. Right. Could you give us any estimate of how long you were away? -
A. I have no idea. It was a very strange day. In fact, the time just flew.
- Q. About how far further forward was the Police line when you came back?
- A. The Police line was further towards the bridge, I do believe.
- Q. But how far towards the bridge was it? - A. I really do not know.
- Q. Would you like - it may help you, I don't know - we have got two particular documents that give us a little assistance. One is an aerial photograph. The other is a plan. If you look, perhaps, with the assistance of the Usher, you may be able to see those two documents. Do you recognise that? May I just see the plan for a moment? (Handed)
Yes, that's the one. Do you recognise the scene there? Look at the plan. - A. Yes. I don't particularly recognise it from the photograph.
- Q. If you hold the plan up in the way that we can read it, so that the writing is in the normal way, you will see towards the right the main gates to the coking plant? - A. Yes.
- Q. And do you see a building called the Medical Centre? - A. Yes.
- Q. That is a single storey building, just above, uphill of the main gates, and then if you look to the left of the Medical Centre on the plan you will see the side road which is the one I had asked you about. Do you follow? - A. Yes.
- Q. And then the field that adjoins the main Highfield Road has this boundary drawn and it is an irregularly shaped line? - A. Yes.
- Q. And all that road is uphill towards the Electricity Sub-Station and then the railway bridge? - A. Yes, sir!
- Q. Now, is it possible, by reference to anything on that plan, for you to tell us where the Police lines were when you joined them again after refreshments? - A. By the railway bridge.
- Q. By the railway bridge? - A. Yes.
- Q. I'm sorry to be particular about it, but how near the railway bridge?
- A. Basically on the bridge itself, but on the start of it, towards the Orgreave Coking Plant, on that side.
- Q. I see. Thank you. ...
- Q. JUDGE COLES: In other words, spilling back on to the road before you reached the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. MR. WALSH: Had you been involved in any advance from lower down the field up towards the railway bridge? - A. No, no, apart from the initial two run-ups I told you about.
- Q. Yes, but that was before you retired for refreshment? - A. That's correct.
- Q. And you say the line had not advanced? - A. No.

- Q. We know that the line, at some stage, did advance up towards the railway bridge, but you were not part of any of that? - A. No.
- Q. Right. So, you joined the line near the railway bridge. Would you like to look, please, at an album of photographs, Exhibit 9? That might help you. You will see as you go through one, two, three and four there, they are photographs leading up to the bridge? - A. Yes.
- Q. Four and five - does anywhere there show us approximately where you were when you reached the Police lines? - A. By the lamp-post on number four.
- Q. By the lamp-post on number four? You are pointing, I think, to the lamp-post nearest to camera two (?) that we see? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. So, there you are with your little group of four men? - A. Indeed, sir, yes.
- Q. And what happened there? - A. We were ordered again to disperse the crowd. We went through the Police line.
- Q. Now, you were ordered again. By whom? - A. By my Sergeant.
- Q. To disperse the crowd? - A. Indeed, sir.
- Q. And you went through the Police line? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Just before you were ordered to disperse the crowd, what was the situation at the bridge? What was happening? Could you see? - A. Yes, sir. A great throng of pickets on the other side throwing missiles.
- Q. When you were ordered to disperse the crowd you had to go through the Police cordon? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And did you go forward on to the bridge? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Further than the bridge? - A. Yes.
- Q. Just taking that same album in your hands, if you would look now at photograph six. Do you recognise that as the left-hand bend at the far end of the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And photograph seven, which is a little bit further than that, so you can see what is round the bend? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Right. Do either of those photographs help you to tell us where you went on this dispersal move? - A. Yes, just straight up the road.
- Q. About how far did you go? - A. About up to the house.
- Q. Now, I think you had better look at photograph seven and tell us which house you are referring to? - A. The third lamp-post on the right.
- Q. Does that photograph have numbers on? - A. Yes.
- Q. In relation to the lamp-posts? - A. Yes. It is number four.
- Q. Right. So, you went to approximately lamp-post number four? - A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. With whom? - A. I was in company with P.C. Abson at the time.
- Q. You were with P.C. Abson? - A. Yes.
- Q. What about the other two people which were part of your four? -
A. I knew there were some other officers with me, but I hadn't a clue who they were.
- Q. So, are you saying that may have been those two, or they were those two? - A. I think we got split up for some strange reason, but there were certainly other officers with us.
- Q. When you got to lamp-post four what happened? - A. I saw a group of about three or four people on the road itself near to the bridge.
- Q. Just pause there. Where were you when you saw this group of three or four? - A. On the road itself.
- Q. And where was this group of three or four? - A. Round about 15 yards ahead of me.
- Q. And so, would you like to turn to photograph eight? Where we see the lamp-post four rather more clearly, are you there? - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, approximately where were you? Can you point on this photograph when you say this group of three or four - A. Well, I was by the lamp-post itself, lamp-post four.
- Q. So, could you point to where the bridge was? - A. There's a sign, a house sign.
- Q. The one that says, "For Sale"? - A. Yes. Just a bit further on there's a brick wall. It's clearly made of brick and not mortared over. They were about there.
- Q. About there? - A. Yes.
- Q. Were they out on the road or on the pavement? - A. On the road.
- Q. And what were they doing? - A. They were throwing stones or missiles.
- Q. And when you say, "They", do you mean some of them, all of them? -
A. It appeared to be all of them, but one in particular was the person I now know to be Arthur Crichlow.
- Q. You say "one in particular". Did you see him doing something in particular? - A. Indeed so. He was about one step ahead of the other group and he threw what appeared to be a small stone at us.
- Q. What happened to that stone? - A. It hit the shield held by P.C. Abson.
- Q. And I think - I will be corrected if I am wrong - that you say the shield that he had was a round one? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Could you describe it in any more detail as to whether it is coloured, transparent or what? - A. It's a transparent shield with the word "Police" written quite clearly across it.

Q. Right. Well, that object hit Abson's shield. What did the two of you do? - A. Well, I think it was me who pointed and shouted something like, "Them", whereupon we advanced very quickly towards them.

Q. JUDGE COLES: You shouted, "Them"? - A. Yes, "Them", I think. I'm not quite sure, but it was something like that, yes.

Q. And then ran at them? - A. Yes, that's correct.

Q. MR. WALSH: And could you see what this man did as you ran towards him? - A. Yes. He picked up another stone.

Q. And then what? - A. He tried to throw it at us whilst running backwards.

Q. Now, "running backwards" might mean one of two entirely different things. One might be physically standing here and trying to run in the direction in which your back is facing, or running away from you. Which do you mean? - A. He was really - it would be easier for me to do the actions than to describe them.

Q. Well, for the purposes of that, will you assume that the Jury are where you were and that you are the man you were watching? - A. Would it be easier for me to step down here?

JUDGE COLES: It's easier for you to say than it is for Mr. Walsh. Yes, do stand down.

THE WITNESS: (Demonstrating) As we came towards him he picked up another stone, trying to run backwards and that being a kerb, he then fell straight over.

Q. JUDGE COLES: So, he literally was trying to run backwards? - A. Yes, indeed. He had his arm upward as if to throw again and he was running backwards.

Q. MR. WALSH: You demonstrated tripping or knocking himself on the kerb? - A. Indeed, sir, yes.

Q. And you are still on the pavement, or is it the kerb to which you refer? - A. Yes.

Q. And what happened when he fell backwards? - A. Well, we basically got straight to him.

Q. Did he stagger, falling to the ground, or against anything, or what? - A. Well, it appeared to me he hit his head against an actual brick wall.

Q. And what happened to the people with whom he was? - A. They cleared off.

Q. Were you and Abson able to reach him? - A. Mr. Crichlow? Yes.

Q. Where was he when you approached him? - A. On the floor, trying to get up.

JUDGE COLES: Is that a convenient moment, Mr. Walsh?

MR. WALSH: Yes, your Honour.

(Mid-day Adjournment)

2.05 p.m.

- Q. MR. WALSH; Mr. Norris, will you return to photograph eight in bundle nine, please? - A. Yes.
- Q. You have pointed out the brick wall that we see in the distance almost on the brow of the hill, just past the "For Sale" notice? - A. Yes.
- Q. And you have told us ^{that is} the wall upon which he, Mr. Crichlow, banged his head and that he was on the floor. I think you said perhaps he was just about to get up when you came to him? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And when you went to him were you on your own or still with Constable Abson? - A. In company with P.C. Abson.
- Q. And what happened when you got to Mr. Crichlow? - A. We picked him up. I told him that he was under arrest.
- Q. And what was his condition at the time? Did you notice? - A. Yes. he was semi-conscious.
- Q. He was injured? - A. Yes, indeed, sir.
- Q. What injury did you see? - A. He had a gash to the back of his head.
- Q. At this stage where was the main body of the pickets? - A. All over the place. They were about to the left and, well, mostly to the left, but about 30 yards in front of me.
- Q. Right. And by that do you mean on the road only or elsewhere? - A. As far as I could see, elsewhere. I think there was a field to the left of the road there.
- Q. Perhaps you would look at photograph eight? - A. Yes.
- Q. We can just see the grass verge on the left-hand side. Another view - well, photograph ten looks back from some distance, considerably ahead. You can see right across the verges and then, I think, industrial premises, that sort of thing? - A. Yes.
- Q. Obviously, photograph ten doesn't show the view you had because it was looking in completely the wrong direction you would be. You would be away on the left-hand side of the road, round the brow of the hill? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. What do you remember of where the rest of the pickets were? - A. Well ahead of us and, I think, a field, but obviously those trees and
- Q. What was happening? - A. They were still throwing missiles quite heavily at this stage.
- Q. You have told us about taking hold of him, picking him up and telling him that he was under arrest. Did you stay there or go somewhere with him?

- A. We picked him up and took him towards the Police line.
- Q. And do you recall where the Police line was at that stage? - A. I think it was the bridge, still by the bridge.
- Q. I wonder if you would like to look at another album of photographs, Exhibit 21, photograph seven, please? Do you recognise those particular people at the front of the picture? - A. Indeed I do, yes
- Q. And who are they? - A. Me on the left of the Defendant, Mr. Crichlow, who is in the middle; P.C. Abson on the right.
- Q. Thank you. We can see you are now, well, really at the coking works end of the bridge, more or less? - A. Yes.
- Q. And we can see some Police Officers and others behind you? - A. Yes.
- Q. In the distance. Is that the cordon in which you, or rather, the line to which you referred when you said you took him back through the Police line? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And so, from the point in this picture, where did you go? - A. Took him to the holding area where his wound was treated.
- Q. Now, I think we know where that is. Is that an area on the other side of the road from the main gates of the coking plant? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Where there is a building and also grass? - A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. And a driveway. And did he have some treatment at the holding area? - A. Indeed so, just superficial treatment.
- Q. From what sort of person. - A. Policewoman.
- Q. A Policewoman? - A. A Policewoman, yes.
- Q. Where was he taken then? - A. He was then taken to Rotherham Hospital.
- Q. Was that in an ambulance? - A. I think it was Police transport.
- Q. Police transport, and who went with him? - A. Me and P.C. Abson.
- Q. Did a time come when he was discharged from hospital? - A. Indeed so. At about 1.30 the same day.
- Q. Were you and Mr. Abson with him at the time? - A. Yes, we were.
- Q. And he still is under arrest. Did you take him somewhere? - A. I took him from hospital back to the holding area again.
- Q. We all know from other evidence that it takes quite a long time to get back from Rotherham Hospital to the holding area. What did you do when you arrived? - A. He was placed on a "Person in Custody" sheet and documented.
- Q. And does that mean you presented yourself and the man under arrest to

a Sergeant in charge of those premises? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And certain documentation comes into existence giving his name and details and so forth? - A. That's right, yes.

Q. Did you have your photograph taken by someone with a Polaroid camera at the time? - A. Yes, I did.

Q. Do you recognise the photograph? It can be handed to you. (Handed)
- A. That's the photograph, yes.

MR. WALSH: Your Honour, I will do what I did with the other photographs, hand it up so the Jury can see. If necessary it can be handed round. Would your Honour wish to see it?

JUDGE COLES: I will have a quick look at it. (Handed) We haven't exhibited all these photographs, have we?

MR. WALSH: No, your Honour. I think in some cases my learned friends wanted them exhibited.

JUDGE COLES: Well, if anybody on the part of the Defence wishes any of these to be exhibited, please say so, otherwise it seems unnecessary.

MR. WALSH: Well, I think that probably the sensible course may be to have them either all exhibited or can the Jury see them all in any event?

JUDGE COLES: Well, perhaps they can all be given one exhibit number at the end?

MR. WALSH: Yes, very well:

Q. Right. Well, once the documentation had been done, what happened next?
- A. We escorted him to a prison van, but a conversation took place between me and Mr. Crichlow.

Q. Where was Mr. Abson when this conversation took place? - A. Oh, with me.

Q. JUDGE COLES: This was in the prison van? - A. No, it was on the escort from the documentation to the prison van.

JUDGE COLES: Yes, I see.

Q. MR. WALSH: And did you make a note of the conversation? -
A. Indeed I did, yes.

Q. When did you do that? - A. Round about 2.15 in the holding area, I made a statement.

Q. How long after the conversation was it that you made a statement? -
A. Basically straight away.

Q. Now, will you need to refer to the statement for the details of the conversation or can you remember it without? - A. I can remember some of it, yes.

MR. WALSH: Your Honour, I wonder if it would be sensible, as it forms part of the Policeman's notebook, if he could look at it to refresh his memory?

JUDGE COLES: Yes. Any representations about that?

MR. O'CONNOR: I wouldn't mind hearing what the officer can remember of it. The Jury will understand why when they hear and probably the second stage can be when he looks at the statement.

JUDGE COLES: Well, what counsel for the Crown decides to do is a matter for him. This is a contemporaneous, or near contemporaneous note. The Police Officer is entitled to refresh his memory from it if he wishes. If he does give his evidence in that way and not from memory then you, in due course, can make such comment as you wish about it. I think I made a ruling about this some time ago. Having said that and having told you that you can make your comment in due course if you wish to do so, the matter must be a decision for the Prosecution Counsel to make.

MR. O'CONNOR: Perhaps the witnesses wishes might come into it?

JUDGE COLES: I think we must allow Mr. Walsh to conduct the examination in chief, if he wishes to.

MR. O'CONNOR: Certainly.

MR. WALSH: I see no reason in dealing with this in any other way than from the Policeman's notebook, your Honour.

JUDGE COLES: Very well, that will require the services of the Usher, I think. (Statement Handed to Witness)

- Q. MR. WALSH: Now, what did you say to him, please? - A. "You understand that you have been arrested for an unlawful assembly?" I cautioned him.
- Q. Saying what? - A. That he was not obliged to say anything unless he wished to do so, but what he said may be put into writing and given in evidence.
- Q. And what did he reply? - A. He replied, "Yes, I know, but this is my job".
- Q. Did you say anything further? - A. Yes. I said, "Why did you throw missiles?", and he replied, "If Arthur Scargill says, 'Rush the Police', I do. If he says, 'Throw stones', I will". I said to him, "That's a silly attitude to take", and he replied, "... (inaudible) ...", and that's that", and I had no further dealings then with Mr. Crichlow.
- Q. Now, just a word before I conclude my questions. Once Mr. Crichlow had said that and you had the conversation you had, this was on the way to the Police vehicle? - A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. Did you put him in the Police van? - A. I put him in a prison van, it is called.
- Q. Yes. Where did you then go? - A. Well, I don't know about that. I disappeared back to my unit.

Q. I'm sorry. At what stage did you make the note? - A. I made the note immediately afterwards.

Q. That's what I am asking about. Where did you go for that purpose? - A. The room in the holding area which we went to.

Q. When you say, "We"? - A. That is P.C. Abson and myself.

Q. JUDGE COLES: You mean your note is your statement? - A. Yes.

Q. MR. WALSH: Did you do anything between putting the Defendant in the prison van and going into the room to make the statement? - A. No.

MR. WALSH: Thank you.

MR. TAYLOR: I will await Mr. O'Connor.

JUDGE COLES: Yes.

Cross-examined by MR. O'CONNOR:

Q. Mr. Norris, you were in court about five or ten minutes before we all gathered here. In fact, we started at about ten past two, about two o'clock? - A. Yes, that's right, about ten to two, yes.

Q. And there were no barristers in Court? - A. I'm sorry?

Q. When you first came into Court there were no barristers here, were there? - A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. And you were looking at counsel's papers? - A. I observed a photograph in there about

Q. You were looking at counsel's papers. - A. I looked at the photograph.

Q. That's all? - A. That's all.

Q. What photograph? - A. The photograph of myself and P.C. Abson with Mr. Crichlow.

Q. Now, your name is Constable Norris and your number is "5909". Is that right? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And you were part of the unit, you are sure, with Constable Abson on the 18th June at Orgreave? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Do you remember if it was a Sergeant Kelsey who was your Sergeant in charge of your part of the PSU? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And you have mentioned an Inspector Larry Bennett as being your Inspector? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Can I ask you to look at a document, please? (Handed) I would just like to ask you to turn to a page which, in fact, is 2A, that is on the top? - A. Yes.

Q. That is a list of officers

JUDGE COLES: Just a moment. He's dropped something out of it.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Have you got the list of officers there? - A. Yes.

Q. Officers in a particular PSU? - A. That's correct, yes.

JUDGE COLES: Let's have a note for the shorthand note of precisely what this document is, Mr. O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes:

Q. Tell us what is on the front. - A. Yes. It says, "Police Support Unit Operational Record".

Q. Can you turn back to that page, please? - A. Yes.

Q. And do you see, in the bottom half, the half of the PSU headed by Sergeant Kelsey? - A. Yes.

Q. And do you see a Constable Norris, 5909? - A. Yes.

Q. Is that you? - A. Yes.

Q. And a Constable Abson? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. 2246, and do you see other names and numbers of other colleagues of yours from your Police Station? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And do you see on the top right-hand corner the date, 18th June? - A. Yes.

Q. "South Yorkshire Mutual Aid"? - A. That's correct.

Q. Who is the Inspector who is in charge? - A. Acting Inspector Darnell.

Q. And who is the overall officer who is in charge at the top? - A. It says Chief Inspector Allen.

Q. Is there any mention there of an Inspector Larry Bennett? - A. No.

Q. Do you still say an Inspector Larry Bennett was in charge of you that day? - A. According to my memory, yes.

Q. According - having looked at that document, may I just ask you about your knowledge of those documents first? The duty to complete that document is that of the Inspector who is in charge of the unit. Is that correct? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Do you now accept that Inspector Larry Bennett, or anybody Bennett was not in charge of you that day?

MR. WALSH: This poses a problem because the witness is being asked to deal with a document which so far hasn't been established that he ever read or saw it.

JUDGE COLES: I suppose there would have been no harm in just showing him the document and then asking him the question again. The document itself proves nothing at the moment.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Have you seen that document?

JUDGE COLES: That's better.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Do you now still say that you were under the command of an Inspector Larry Bennett that day? - A. That's correct, to my knowledge, yes.

Q. Or is it that your recollection of this day is so unreliable you cannot remember even who the officer was in charge of your unit? - A. That's incorrect.

Q. JUDGE COLES: So, your evidence is that it was Mr. Bennett who was in charge of you? - A. To my knowledge, yes. I think that another PSU may have - we came up as two PSUs and he may have been travelling with the other one.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Do you know Inspector Darnell, or Acting Inspector Darnell? - A. I do.

Q. Did you see him there that day? - A. I can't remember him, no.

Q. Do you know Chief Inspector Allen? - A. Yes, indeed.

Q. Did you see him there that day? - A. No.

Q. You have been at Orgreave on one or two occasion before? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And you seem to be familiar with the phrase "topside"? - A. Yes.

Q. Have you got your witness statement there? - A. I think you have got it.

Q. Yes. I will ask you a few questions about that statement. You told us that your involvement was exclusively topside? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. You have mentioned going up and up to and over the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. You have mentioned going up that day to a bungalow? - A. That's correct.

Q. You have mentioned the houses? - A. That's correct.

Q. Any mention of any of those things in your witness statement? - A. No, there isn't, no.

Q. Let's get this right. No mention of topside? - A. No.

Q. No mention of a bridge? - A. No.

Q. No mention of going up to by the bungalow? - A. No.

Q. No mention of houses? - A. Only that I mentioned a garden wall.

Q. You have mentioned a wall actually. - A. Yes.

Q. According to your statement all this could have taken place at Poplar Way, couldn't it? Do you agree? - A. I know where the incident took place.

- Q. Yes. You see, that may be an appropriate answer for a notebook. How long have you been a Police Officer? - A. Seven years.
- Q. You know what a witness statement is supposed to do, don't you? - A. Yes, I do indeed.
- Q. It is meant to be in fairness to the Defendant so that he knows what he is accused of. Is that right? - A. The statement?
- Q. A witness statement is served on the Defence as part of criminal procedure for a trial, yes? - A. That's correct.
- Q. You knew that when you made this statement? - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, let's go on. You have told us that when you saw this group of which Mr. Crichlow was a member it was 15 yards away? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Any mention of that in your statement? - A. No.
- Q. You have told us that he - this unfortunate wall which seems to have got in his way was a brick wall, definitely not mortar? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Any mention of that in your witness statement? - A. No.
- Q. You have told us Mr. Crichlow was one step ahead of the other members of his group? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Any mention of that in your witness statement? - A. No.
- Q. You have told us that he threw a small stone, which hit Mr. Abson's shield? - A. Yes.
- Q. Any mention of it being a small stone? - A. I saw it mentioned as a missile.
- Q. That's right. Any mention of you pointing out or shouting, "Them", to any of your colleagues before running after this group, or to Mr. Crichlow? - A. No.
- Q. Would you like to explain what you are doing making a witness statement on the very day, you say, leaving out those things? - A. I see its importance, to write down everything and I agree it's a rather brief statement.
- Q. That's the best you can do? That's your explanation, is it? - A. Well, yes.
- Q. I would like to ask you about that statement. You, perfectly properly, I'm sure, have read it before you came into Court? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. When did you get it? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. When did you get it? When was it given to you? - A. Well, I've been up here on two occasions now. I was shown it on Wednesday of last week.

- Q. Wednesday of last week? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Were you here on Friday? - A. No. I came back on Monday.
- Q. Were you given a copy of your statement last Wednesday? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Where? - A. Where? At the Police Headquarters.
- Q. In what room? - A. The C.I.D. room, it's probably called.
- Q. Who by? - A. I haven't a clue. I don't know his name.
- Q. A Detective? - A. Yes.
- Q. A South Yorkshire Detective? - A. I would imagine so, yes.
- Q. Had you seen that document before? - A. No.
- Q. What else happened on that occasion last Wednesday? You go to the Detectives' office - A. I was just shown the statement. That's all.
- Q. Well - A. Or given a copy of the statement.
- Q. Given a copy of the statement? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. To keep? - A. Yes.
- Q. So, you were handed it and you left? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. You were handed it and you just left? - A. Other instructions were given to us, like how to get here.
- Q. Was Mr. Abson with you? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. He was? - A. Yes.
- Q. Were you asked any questions about your evidence? - A. No.
- Q. Were you asked any questions about your family? - A. No.
- Q. Was anything written down by any Detective as a result of -
A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Pardon? - A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Were you shown any photographs? - A. Any photographs?
- Q. Yes. - A. No.
- Q. Have you been shown any photographs by anybody before coming into this Courtroom? - A. No.
- Q. Any plans? - A. Plans?
- Q. Plans. - A. No.

- Q. Have you re-visited Orgreave, either the coking plant or the village?
- A. No, I have not.
- Q. Since 18th June? - A. Well, I returned as a PSU afterwards on the, well, the Tuesday, the following Monday and possibly Wednesday.
- Q. Did you go up into the village? - A. I did not, no.
- Q. You came here on Wednesday, last Wednesday. Did you spend the night?
- A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Did you spend the night in Sheffield or around Sheffield last Wednesday?
- A. No.
- Q. Or last Tuesday night. - A. No.
- Q. Did you spend last night here? - A. I did indeed, yes.
- Q. With Mr. Abson? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know how close Orgreave is to the centre of Sheffield? -
A. It's pretty close, yes.
- Q. Did you think of, or did you, in fact, go out to Orgreave to try to picture the scene again yourself? - A. No, I have not.
- Q. Going to the 18th June, looking back on it, are you proud of what you did on that day? - A. Good heavens, no.
- Q. No? You told us that you arrived at about 6.30 and you went on immediate active duty? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. You didn't have to don any equipment, just left it in the vehicle and went straight to the cordon? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. You weren't in the cordon for long? - A. No.
- Q. And then you were told to go and don the equipment? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. You had to go to a car park? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Where your van was? - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. Can I ask you to look at the aerial photograph and help us, please, as to where you had to go? - A. Yes. It would be that one there.
- Q. Turn it round to his Honour and the Jury. - A. Yes, probably that car park there.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: That is opposite what we know as the command post?
- A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And to the side of what we know as the medical centre? - A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: You can't recollect anything of lorries arriving?
- A. No, not at all.
- Q. No noise? - A. No.

- Q. How far do you say you had to go then from the cordon to your van to get your equipment, very roughly? - A. About 100 to 200 yards.
- Q. 100 to 200 yards? As a unit? - A. Yes.
- Q. And do you all then get into the van and grab your equipment, or is somebody there logging it? - A. Well, the equipment is basically handed out and then
- Q. Is it already decided who will get a shield and who will not? -
A. No, not particularly.
- Q. So, that is just the way it works out? - A. That's it, yes.
- Q. And what about these groups of four? Are you allocated to work with one other none shield officer and with two shield officers? - A. That's how it should work, yes.
- Q. But, did that happen on this occasion? - A. We formed up in that formation, yes.
- Q. Did it just work out that you didn't have a shield or was that your role that you knew you were going to play? - A. Well, I knew the fact that there is only a certain amount of round shields in the van, by the time I had got there they had all been allocated, so I joined on with a shield man.
- Q. And then you formed up in groups of four by the van? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And then go back 100 to 200 yards back to behind the cordon? -
A. That's correct.
- Q. All that will take - I don't want to exaggerate - a little time? -
A. Indeed, yes.
- Q. Five to ten minutes? - A. Possibly. Well, about five minutes, about ten. I don't know about ten.
- Q. Now, do you remember anything in particular about your gathering behind the cordon? - A. Nothing in particular, no.
- Q. Do you remember receiving, hearing any instructions over a megaphone or loud hailer? - A. There were instructions given, but I can't remember what they were.
- Q. You heard them but you can't remember who gave them? - A. I just remember hearing them, but I can't remember what they were.
- Q. I want to ask you, can you remember anything unusual being said on a loud hailer by way of an instruction? - A. Unusual?
- Q. Yes. - A. No.
- Q. Nothing that strikes your recollection? - A. No.
- Q. You see, was this the very first time that you had ever been deployed as a short shield unit? - A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. Indeed, you probably know this is the first time ever that short shield units have been used in this country? - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. So, I suggest to you you may be able to remember that moment quite clearly when you formed up behind the cordon. Is that right? - A. I can't remember any instructions.
- Q. Do you remember these words, when I put them to you, on a loud hailer: "Bodies, not heads"? "Bodies, not heads"? - A. I have no recollection of that, no.
- Q. Did you ever hear an instruction like that? - A. No.
- Q. You have not? So, you are deployed on the road? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you remember that there was another unit of short shield officers going up the road with you? - A. Yes, there were.
- Q. Do you remember anything about them? - A. Just that they were a different Force.
- Q. Anything else about them? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. Nothing unusual? - A. No.
- Q. Do you remember which Force they were? - A. They were from Merseyside, I do believe.
- Q. This is the first time you advance up the road? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Do you remember officers in what are called flame-proof overalls being in that unit? - A. I can't recall any people with overalls on, no.
- Q. With no numbers? - A. I can't recollect that.
- Q. Now, your helmets, I think, as you have said implicitly, because you have identified that helmet as being similar, did not have any neck guard?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And the round shields that were used by your unit were round, clear ones.
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. All of them? - A. yes.
- Q. Any long shields issued to members of your unit? - A. No.
- Q. And please help us - you are sure that horses were deployed ahead of you then? - A. Yes, indeed, yes.
- Q. And that on each of your two advances you were on the road? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Never on the field? - A. Never on the field, no.
- Q. Now, you remember that Constable Abson came into contact with somebody?
- A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. On the road? - A. Yes.

- Q. Not you, but Constable Abson? - A. No, because I'm behind P.C. Abson.
- Q. And please describe that again to us, what happened? - A. Well, as I say, when we advanced the people who threw missiles retreated, but there are certain people who prefer just to stand there, kind of like peaceful protestors.
- Q. And what happened to that person? - A. He was just slightly pushed out of the way and told to move on.
- Q. Slightly pushed out of the way and told to move on? - A. Yes, to one side, with a shield.
- Q. You have gone with your left hand. - A. Yes, the shield is carried in the left hand.
- Q. But, of course, there would be other officers to your left? - A. Yes, most likely.
- Q. What happened then? - A. I don't know. We advanced further forward.
- Q. Could you describe how the horses had gone ahead? - A. Gone on ahead?
- Q. Yes. - A. They just moved from the cordon out into the pickets.
- Q. What sort of speed? - A. Galloping speed.
- Q. Galloping speed? And they had gone up the road, had they? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And this person who came into contact with Mr. Abson had remained standing, had he, in the road? - A. Yes, yes, that's correct.
- Q. And the horses had missed him? - A. Yes. Well, it's very easy to do.
- Q. You see, let me make this clear. In addition to what I have asked you about what is missing from your statement, you have not mentioned any word in your statement about anything before 11.30. - A. Yes, that's correct.

JUDGE COLES: I'm not quite sure what you are putting to him about that. You mean he hasn't mentioned the time before that or the incident before that?

MR. O'CONNOR: I will make it clear, your Honour:

- Q. You have not mentioned anything happening before 11.30. That is, right at the beginning of your statement. - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. And you have made no mention in your statement of any of these advances short of the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Not least because you didn't even mention the bridge, but anyway, you don't mention these at all? - A. That's right.
- Q. Yet you are able to recollect this little contact with one picket and Mr. Abson? - A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. Which doesn't result in anything happening? - A. That's correct.
- Q. No injury? - A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. No arrest? - A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. You see, have you reconstructed some little details with Mr. Abson whilst you have been waiting to give evidence? - A. No. Heavens, no.
- Q. No question of that? - A. No.
- Q. And your recollection is this, is it, clearly that you make two advances and go back to the cordon. It remains where it was when you had gone ahead? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And then you had your refreshment break? - A. Well, we were deployed back to our vans, yes.
- Q. You were deployed back to your vans? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And you take refreshments? - A. I didn't personally, only a drink.
- Q. You had a drink? - A. yes.
- Q. And can you help us? Was it a quarter of an hour break, an hour break?
- A. I've no idea.
- Q. Can't help us at all? - A. No.
- Q. At any rate, from the position you have pointed out when you are re-deployed you are up to the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And you take no part in any advance up to the bridge? - A. That's correct.
- Q. When you are going up the cordons are already up there? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Had you seen any of that advance? - A. No, not at all. Missed it.
- Q. From where you were, was it a position to see topside up to the bridge?
- A. I would imagine so, yes.
- Q. But, you weren't watching? - A. No, no, no.
- Q. You weren't watching? - A. No.
- Q. Well, there might have been a very good game of football going on between the Police Officers to distract you - I don't know - but was there some reason why you weren't watching, although you could see?
- A. Well, I was in the van.
- Q. You were in the van? - A. Yes.
- Q. And it had windows to it? - A. It did indeed.
- Q. Could you see through them? - A. Yes.

- Q. And you weren't watching? - A. No, that's correct.
- Q. Can I ask you to look back at the Operational Record, please? Can I ask you to turn the page? You have the list of officers I referred to before? - A. Yes.
- Q. And again I am going to put certain things to you and then ask you, I hope, properly, if you still stand by your original evidence in some respects. Do you follow? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see on that page

JUDGE COLES: Well, just let him read it to himself. I'm not sure the Jury should hear read something which is not yet proved and may not be proved. Let him read it to himself and then ask him a question. That is all you should do.

MR. O'CONNOR: I will obey that. May I direct the officer's attention to a line beginning "7.45"?

JUDGE COLES: Yes, of course.

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Do you still stand by your answer that it was at about 6.30 about the time of your arrival that you were first deployed? - A. Yes, indeed.
- Q. You do? - A. Yes, to my knowledge it was at 6.30.
- Q. Can I ask you to look at the next line and see if you are prepared to accept the time of your deployment as a short shield unit? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you accept that time? - A. Possibly, yes.
- Q. 8.15, deployed as a short shield unit? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Can I ask you to turn over the page now, please? - A. Yes.
- Q. Can I ask you to read the first entry? - A. "Instructed by Superintendent"

JUDGE COLES: No. Read to yourself.

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes:

- Q. Next, there is a time and then something written? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know who Superintendent Clarkson is? - A. I haven't a clue.
- Q. You haven't a clue? - A. No.
- Q. At 9.45, were you given instructions to draw staves for a short shield charge? - A. Yes. My Sergeant did say to draw staves, yes.
- Q. Do you accept that was at 9.45? - A. Possibly, yes. 7.45
- Q. If you look more carefully, but, anyway if

JUDGE COLES: It can't help him to look at a document which isn't his. We shall have to have that proved by someone else, but you are entitled to ask him if he remembers that. He has made it perfectly clear he can't, just doesn't know.

MR. O'CONNOR: I agree. Sometimes I can be more helpful than my learned friend for the Prosecution.

JUDGE COLES: Perfectly helpful, yes, Mr. O'Connor.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: If you look carefully - A. It's 9.45. I was looking at the wrong list.
- Q. Do you accept 9.45 you were, in fact, given instructions by your Sergeant to draw staves for a short shield charge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Can I ask you to go back over the previous page? - A. yes.
- Q. Look at an entry next to ten o'clock. - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you accept that something happened then consistent with that entry at ten o'clock? - A. Yes.
- Q. What is that? - A. That is when we withdrew from the line.
- Q. You withdrew from the line? - A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. Ten o'clock? - A. Well, according to this, yes.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: you are not being asked whether this is right, that the document contains that time. You are being asked, does that sound about right, does it fall about right, from your recollection, that sort of time, that you withdrew from the line? - A. Yes, I would agree with that.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Can I ask you to look at the next entry? This might help you about the length of the break you had. - A. yes.
- Q. Do you accept that entry? - A. yes.
- Q. 10.30, short shield deployment? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. After your break? After your standby? - A. yes.
- Q. Does that look as if that might be about half an hour? Do you accept that now? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you accept there was a charge with truncheons drawn at 10.30? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. And now, can I ask you to turn the page again? - A. Yes.
- Q. The final one of this sequence. Do you see a time and an entry there? - A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Can I ask you just to read it? - A. Yes. "11.30"

JUDGE COLES: No. To yourself.

MR. O'CONNOR: My fault. I should make it clear:

- Q. Just to yourself. Do you accept something of that sort? Maybe you have got the order from somebody else? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you accept something of that sort happened at that time? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. "11.10, instructed", and I miss out the person - do you know who the ACC is? - A. I know who he was on that day.
- Q. Yes. Who was it? - A. Tony Clements.
- Q. First name terms? - A. I know him as Tony Clements.
- Q. Did you get a direct order from him upon that day? - A. No.
- Q. So, you will have got it indirectly? - A. Yes, indirectly.
- Q. To draw staves for repeated short shield charge? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. "Repeated short round shield charge"? - A. That's what it says there, yes.
- Q. Do you recollect that that was the order you got? - A. Not an order I got, no.
- Q. Please tell us what order you got? - A. Just to go and disperse the pickets.
- Q. Now, is that, looking at it now - please check there is no further relevant entry until you are stood by at 1.30. Do you follow? - A. That's correct.
- Q. So, that would be - this is the last advance of yours from the bridge, this order that you got indirectly to draw staves for short round shield charge? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. At ten past eleven? - A. Yes.
- Q. You accept that time, do you, now? - A. Yes, I accept that.
- Q. You have told us of two advances before then? - A. Yes.
- Q. We have just gone through three previous deployments of your unit as a short shield unit, haven't we? One at 8.15? - A. yes.
- Q. One at 9.45 and one at 10.30? - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, have you missed a whole short shield charge out of your evidence until now? - A. No, no.
- Q. You have not? - A. No. I made two charges initially and was told to stand down and then brought back.
- Q. It couldn't be that your evidence is completely wrong about there only being two? - A. It might be well, I know for a fact that we made two advances.

Q. And completely wrong that you didn't take part in the advance to the bridge? - A. I took no part in the advance of the long shield charges to the bridge.

JUDGE COLES: No. Counsel suggests that you did, I think. Are you suggesting that he did?

MR. O'CONNOR: I am suggesting this officer has gone through - I will rephrase the question.

JUDGE COLES: You are saying, I think - the document isn't yet proved, isn't yet evidence, but you say it suggests that there were three advances whereas this witness says there were only two?

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: As I took you through these entries, as you accepted them, didn't you realise that you were accepting that there were three short shield charges before the last one at 11.10? Didn't you realise we were doing that as we went through? - A. I'm sorry. I'm not with you at all.

Q. We have just gone through, and you have accepted before 11.10 that there were three short shield charges by your unit. Did you realise? - A. There were only two.

JUDGE COLES: I don't think we are all understanding it either, Mr. O'Connor.

MR. O'CONNOR: The officer wasn't thinking when giving his answers.

JUDGE COLES: We will have no comment. It may be I wasn't thinking either when I was listening, but I remain unsure of what you are putting and I remain unsure of what the officer's evidence is.

MR. O'CONNOR: I agree. It may be my fault.

MR. WALSH: It may be that my learned friend would think perhaps a little more closely about these entries. Perhaps they don't say exactly what my learned friend is putting.

JUDGE COLES: I haven't seen the document. The Jury have not heard it, all of it, because I have ordered them not to hear all of it. Life is rather confusing. You must be careful, Mr. O'Connor, in what you are putting. What you are putting is that there were four deployments. It may be later that there is a document which will show that there were four deployments and you are asking this witness, does he agree? Is that fair?

MR. O'CONNOR: I have taken the witness through four deployments and he has accepted them.

JUDGE COLES: Very well.

MR. O'CONNOR: So, that is the evidence, that there were four.

JUDGE COLES: But, you see, you have not really, because you have not read the document out. It's maybe my fault because I ordered you not to read the document out. Perhaps you would like to say when you say there

were deployments, what you say those deployments are and see if the witness agrees with them?

MR. O'CONNOR: Well, I have done that and the officer has agreed that there were four deployments. He has now realised he has agreed there were four deployments because I am putting

JUDGE COLES: Well, I haven't realised that he had agreed to the four deployments. Mr. O'Connor, it is a matter for you whether you leave it where it is and deal with it, but I assure you when it comes to summing up this piece of the evidence I shall not tell the Jury this witness has agreed there were four deployments.

MR. O'CONNOR: In that case we will have to have a transcript of the officer's evidence he has given, accepting the four deployments as I have taken him through.

JUDGE COLES: We will see about that. I invite you to consider your position, if you wish to. Now, let's get on.

MR. O'CONNOR: Certainly:

- Q. Do you stand by your evidence you gave before? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. It may be the tidiest way of putting it, in this respect, that you went straight from your break to be re-deployed up to the cordon at the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And you do not accept that you or your unit took part in the advance up to the bridge? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Why then did you accept, when I just put it to you, that after your break, standby, you were involved in a charge with truncheons drawn at 10.30, 40 minutes before the order at 11.10 at the bridge? - A. It's erroneous in this way: What it is when you are deployed at the picket line at one time and the instruction was given at the time we were obviously waiting at the picket line

JUDGE COLES: The shorthandwriter is trying to take this down. I don't think it is proving very easy. Would you start again, please?

THE WITNESS: Yes. There are times when, according to these times, we were deployed. When we are deployed we go to the picket line. We will have - you will have your shield and your helmets and then we would wait there for further instructions and the instruction given as to the time listed on this document

- Q. JUDGE COLES: You mean you have a deployment at one time, but your instruction to act in accordance with that deployment may be later? - A. Yes, that's correct. We are deployed to the line and at the line we are given instructions from there. There's not four deployments.
- Q. In other words, the document that you are looking at does not mean, you say, what counsel says it means? - A. That's correct, yes.

JUDGE COLES: That's what I thought you were saying earlier.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Why did you accept that after a half-hour standby your unit took part in a charge with truncheons drawn at 10.30? - A. I did not agree to that. I agreed at 10.30 we were deployed back to the picket line.

JUDGE COLES: What the officer appeared to think you were doing was helping him with times.

MR. O'CONNOR: He was mistaken if he was thinking that.

JUDGE COLES: Being mistaken is one thing and agreeing with propositions is another. That is exactly why I suggested that you say exactly what the witness was agreeing.

MR. O'CONNOR: Well, it is for the Jury, of course, to decide whether there has been a mistake or not.

JUDGE COLES: Very well.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Now, you got to the bottleneck at the bridge? - A. Yes, that's right, yes.

Q. And your whole PSU, or half of your PSU forms up? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Your whole PSU or half of your PSU? - A. I think it was the whole PSU. Obviously, some injuries had occurred and a prisoner was taken earlier on and we weren't the full PSU.

Q. Can I ask you about that? Do you remember Mr. Billington? - A. Yes.

Q. He had been injured, hadn't he? - A. He had indeed.

Q. Trampled by a Police horse? - A. Yes, I do believe so.

Q. Could you tell us when that happened? - A. On/initial charge from the first deployment.

Q. You went through the line of the cordon on that charge after the horses? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. So, where was Mr. Billington trampled? - A. I don't know. I didn't witness

Q. JUDGE COLES: Is Mr. Billington a Police Officer? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: In your half of your PSU? - A. Yes, that's correct.

Q. You were the one who told us it was on the first deployment? - A. I think it was, yes.

Q. So, did you see him injured on this deployment? - A. I did not, no.

Q. It just came to your knowledge? - A. Yes.

- Q. Now, I would like to ask you about your passing beyond the bridge. Who gave you your orders? - A. I believe Sergeant Kelsey.
- Q. What were they? - A. Just to disperse the pickets.
- Q. Can you remember any words used? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. Your whole PSU? You think that is all the 23 officers? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Any other PSUs waiting there, similarly to be deployed at the same time? - A. I can't recollect that at the bridge.
- Q. You go through the Police cordon? - A. That's correct.
- Q. On to the bridge and beyond it? - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. Are there any Police Officers ahead of you? - A. No.
- Q. Are there any long shield officers with you? - A. Not for the advance, no.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: No long shield officers? - A. No.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Are there any horses with you, either ahead or behind? - A. I have no recollection of any horses at the bridge.
- Q. At all? Even on the coking plant side? - A. Well from the bridge where the Police line was I have no recollection of any horse forward of that line.
- Q. Do you remember seeing Tony Clement at the bridge? - A. No, not at the bridge.
- Q. You don't? - A. No.
- Q. Were you told to draw your truncheons? - A. I was ordered by my Sergeant to do so, yes.
- Q. And you ran as fast as you could ahead? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And at the end of that you arrest Mr. Crichlow? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And that is your only advance beyond the bridge? - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. Had you seen any other officers over the bridge, maybe coming back, or any horses maybe coming back as you were making your way up to the bridge? - A. I have no recollection of that, no.
- Q. So far as you were concerned, or certainly that you saw, was this the first advance by any Police Officer beyond the bridge? - A. To my knowledge, yes.

- Q. What did your unit do as it immediately crossed the bridge? -
A. We just ran forwards.
- Q. The road bends around to the left? - A. Yes.
- Q. And goes upwards in an incline? - A. Yes.
- Q. And did you say you and your colleague stayed on the road? -
A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Did any of you leave the road and go over to the right or left? -
A. I can't remember, but I think it's quite obvious some must have.
- Q. You think it's quite obvious some must have? - A. Yes.
- Q. Why do you say that? - A. Well, there's enough of us to take the road and the grass.
- Q. Why did you need to take the grass? - A. I was to take → I mean, do an advance forward on it.
- Q. Did you see any reason for an advance on the verge? - A. The fact that there were pickets there and we were still being heavily thrown at.
- Q. Did you see what happened on the verge? - A. No, not at all.
- Q. Were you towards the front of your group? - A. I'm sorry, I'm not quite sure what you mean.
- Q. Towards the front, at the front or close to the front of your group as it is running ahead? - A. Yes, at the front.
- Q. You told us something before lunch, that your unit got split up for some strange reason at this stage? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Well, can you help us with the strange reason? - A. Well, the fact that people are running faster than others, some are more independent than others and they run on alone.
- Q. Now, can I ask you to look at your statement? - A. Yes.
- Q. Now, you say that you advance through to the demonstrators? - A. Yes.
- Q. And they continue their barrage of missiles? - A. That's correct.
- Q. That's your wording? - A. Yes, that's my wording.
- Q. Barrage of missiles? - A. Yes, indeed so.
- Q. "And retreated away from us"? - A. That's correct.
- Q. "We continued for a distance of about 50 yards"? - A. That's correct.

- Q. Of course, according to the statement that is the only charge you do all day? - A. Well, if the statement is relevant to the arrest
- Q. Why don't you say you cross the bridge? - A. As I say, I have made a statement as to the arrest.
- Q. Why don't you say you advanced perhaps towards the brow of the hill? - A. The fact that I made a statement about an arrest, not the conditions.
- Q. Now then, was this a continuous charge until you got hold of Mr. Crichlow or not? - A. No.
- Q. It wasn't? - A. No.
- Q. What happened? - A. There was an order to halt.
- Q. Where was that? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Where was that? - A. As I pointed out before.
- Q. Yes? - A. Do you want me to pick it out on the photograph again?
- Q. Yes, please, on Exhibit 9, photogtaph eight? - A. By the lamp-post marked number five.
- Q. Thank you. Do you recollect anything else about your advance from the bridge to that point? - A. Not at all, no, not to what I have already stated, no.
- Q. Not at all? - A. No.
- Q. Nothing in the road? - A. In the road there were objects, yes.
- Q. Like what? - A. Broken stones, debris, basically.
- Q. Nothing else? - A. Not to my recollection, no, not up there.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: Not up where? - A. I do remember there being a burned out car on that day, but I can't recollect where it was.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Is that something that you saw later when you had re-joined your unit? - A. I remember running past it.
- Q. When? - A. I can't recollect.
- Q. You remember running past it. When you re-joined your unit did you ever run up that hill? - A. I ran up the hill.
- Q. When you re-joined your unit, is this the only occasion on which you ran up the hill? - A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. Now, do you recollect if you ran past a burning, or burned our car, or derelict car of any kind on that only occasion on which you ran up the hill? - A. I remember a burned motor, but I can't place it.
- Q. Do you remember running past a burned motor? - A. Yes.
- Q. You do. So, if you ran past it, it must have been on this occasion? - A. No. It could have been on the two previous occasions.
- Q. Below the bridge? - A. Yes.
- Q. Is that the quality of your recollection of this day, that there might have been a burned out, derelict car below the bridge? - A. I'm afraid so, yes.
- Q. Now, tell us of this group that you saw ahead of you. - A. There was about, with Mr. Crichlow, three to four others.
- Q. Well, tell us, was this group four people or five people? - A. Three to four. I can't be any better than that.
- Q. Why not? - A. Because it's rather vague and, obviously, the situation was happening very quickly.
- Q. Now, are you sure that they are 15 yards ahead of you? - A. About 15 yards, yes.
- Q. Can I ask you a little bit about that? How many missiles did Mr. Crichlow throw? - A. He only threw one which I saw, although he did pick up another stone.
- Q. You clearly saw that it was a small stone that he threw at Mr. Abson's shield? - A. It was a stone, yes.
- Q. Did you clearly see it was a small stone? - A. As I say, clearly it was a small stone, yes.
- Q. And was there a barrage of missiles coming then from ahead of you? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Was Mr. Abson ahead of you? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. With the shield? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Were you using his shield and person as protection for you? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Were you just standing behind him or crouching? - A. Standing behind him.
- Q. Now, can you help us with this: How far from you, roughly, was it that Mr. Crichlow ran and, or, running backwards before he fell? - A. Not very far at all.
- Q. By that do you mean something like five yards or so? - A. Yes, probably less than that.
- Q. Now, I appreciate that you have given no real indication in your witness statement as to where this was happening, have you? - A. No, that's correct.

- Q. I have one, and one only, photograph which may help as to its location. Now, if you look at photograph eight?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In Exhibit 9. You see the lamp-post you talk about, number five? - A. Yes.
- Q. You see the "For Sale" sign? - A. Yes.
- Q. And the bungalow doesn't seem to be the most saleable item because we still see the "For Sale" sign in this recent photograph? - A. Yes.
- Q. And it is just at that corner in front of the bungalow?
- A. Yes.
- Q. On the photograph I have just handed to you? - A. Yes.
- Q. So, do you agree that is your view? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: So, that photograph exactly represents your view, does it? - A. Well, not exactly, but what I remember of my view at the time.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: I will come to that in a second. Obviously, it will have to be handed round, but Mr. Crichlow ran away from you? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Not across the road but running away from you towards what is a junction in the end? - A. Well, he was running basically backwards, as I say, and at an angle towards the houses.
- Q. First of all, he wouldn't run as fast backwards as forwards? - A. That's obvious, rather obviously.
- Q. Secondly, all his momentum is going away from you along the road? - A. He was running backwards, yes.
- Q. Mr. Crichlow's injury was to the back of his head, wasn't it? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. If we look at that photograph of you escorting him, Exhibit 21, photograph seven? - A. Yes.
- Q. We can see blood, can't we, coming round the side of his neck from the back of his head? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Now, can you please come down again and try, if you can, to describe it in words? It may be better if you can either use words or to demonstrate, show us what it was you saw Mr. Crichlow do. - A. It's easier to demonstrate.

JUDGE COLES: Well, come down and do the demonstration again, please. (Witness demonstrates)

THE WITNESS: He picked up a stone, went to throw it, was running backwards and fell like that. (Demonstrating)

JUDGE COLES: Well now, that had better be translated into words somehow.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Picks up a stone with his right hand?
- A. That's correct.

Q. Back with his right hand to throw it at you?

JUDGE COLES: Behind his head.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. Takes a step back with his right foot? - A. More than one step.

Q. JUDGE COLES: Well, you have limited space, officer. Were you intending to demonstrate exactly what he did or were you intending to suggest that he moved rather further?
- A. He certainly moved further than that. I haven't got the space to show it.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, thank you. You have twice demonstrated that in such a way that he is tripping backwards and to his right? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. It's the wrong way round, isn't it? - A. I'm sorry?

Q. Just look at that photograph. He is by the right-hand kerb as you are facing along the road? - A. He is on the road, yes.

Q. The kerb is to his left, Mr. Norris, not to his right.
- A. I didn't say it was either way.

Q. You have twice demonstrated it wrong, Mr. Norris, haven't you?

JUDGE COLES: Wait a minute. Ask him if he has got an explanation first.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Certainly. You said in the demonstration, tripping to your right? - A. Yes.

Q. Did you intend to demonstrate tripping to your right?
- A. I did not intend to demonstrate tripping to my right.

Q. What did you intend? - A. Just how he picked up the stone and basically about to throw it and then falling.

Q. Now, can I ask you to look at the photograph I have handed you, the single photograph? - A. Yes.

Q. Please look at it carefully. Do you accept that that pavement at that point is a little over six foot wide? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Do you see a stick or rod leaning against a part of the wall? - A. Yes.

Q. I suggest to you that that is a measuring rod. It is exactly three feet long. - A. Yes.

Q. Now, would you like to explain this? Mr. Crichlow's

momentum is going not as quickly as he can run forward, because he is going backwards? - A. That's correct.

Q. His momentum is going towards the road junction, directly away from you? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. He has an injury to the back of his head? - A. That's right, yes.

Q. And the pavement is just a few inches more than six foot wide? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. How on earth did that happen? - A. Well, as I say, I'm not saying the actual injury was caused by his fall, but that's the way it appeared to me.

Q. How on earth did his head come into contact with that wall? - A. Because he fell.

Q. You have heard the expression, "Flying Picket", Mr. Norris, haven't you? - A. Indeed I have.

Q. Do you think it has something to do with the laws of gravity? - A. What? That he fell?

Q. May I ask you to come down again, please? - A. Indeed, sir.

Q. Would you stand there and hold that? (Tape Measure handed) A few inches more than six foot. Can you hold that? Do you see what we are talking about? How, Mr. Norris, on earth could the fact that from momentum going that way, head, body, Mr. Mansfield ...

JUDGE COLES: Just a moment, that is a comment, Mr. O'Connor. It isn't a question. Now, would you like to ask the witness if (a) that is correct, the angle of falling, and (b) whether he says the head was hit on the wall, and (c) if "Yes" to both those earlier questions, whether he has any explanation? Now, that might help. To ask a rhetorical question doesn't.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Could you return to the witness box? You have said several times Mr. Crichlow's head hit a wall. Do you remember? - A. It appeared to hit a wall, yes.

Q. Did it or didn't it hit a wall? - A. I can't say for certain, one hundred per cent, that it did hit a wall.

Q. JUDGE COLES: But you think it did? - A. Yes, could have been the pavement or the wall.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: His head could have hit the pavement? - A. Yes.

Q. Where? - A. I'm sorry?

Q. Where on the pavement? - A. I don't know. What I'm saying is that the fact that he fell over and it appeared to me his head hit a wall, but it could also have been the pavement. I can't be one hundred per cent sure.

- Q. You have started off fifteen yards away from him? -
A. Yes.
- Q. You are running towards him? - A. Yes.
- Q. He picks up a stone? - A. That's right.
- Q. He can't be running then? - A. No.
- Q. Then he moves backwards a short distance? - A. That's correct.
- Q. All the time you are running forward as fast as you can go? - A. Not exactly as fast as we could, but we were certainly moving, yes.
- Q. Not as fast as you could go? - A. No.
- Q. Why weren't you running as fast as you could go? -
A. Because we had just run 50 yards.
- Q. But you were running as fast as you could in those circumstances? - A. In those circumstances, yes.
- Q. By the time, therefore, he trips on the pavement, you are on top of him, aren't you? - A. Nearly, yes.
- Q. So, you can tell us exactly, from within a few feet, what happened to him? - A. I'm sorry. I can't be one hundred per cent certain.
- Q. Is there any possibility that his head hit the kerb, a kerb stone six feet away from the wall, hit the edge of the kerb stone? - A. No, that would be incorrect.
- Q. Quite wrong to say he fell on to the kerb stone? -
A. That would be incorrect, yes.
- Q. And when you are making your statement you are making it with Mr. Abson, are you? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you remember any discussion about him falling on to the kerb stone? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Can you remember any discussion about Mr. Crichlow falling on to the kerb stone? - A. No, no.
- Q. Let me put my case to you, as I must. Mr. Crichlow did not throw a single object. - A. That's incorrect.
- Q. You have come up with a fake explanation for the injury he sustained to his head. - A. That is, again, incorrect.

MR. O'CONNOR: Your Honour, we have a single photograph. They are always difficult to find, but it is Exhibit 16, I think, a single black and white photograph taken considerably further on at a junction.

JUDGE COLES: Well, may I have a look at it?

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, by all means.

JUDGE COLES: You may show it to the witness, but may I see it?

MR. O'CONNOR: It is exhibited.

JUDGE COLES: What is the exhibit number?

MR. O'CONNOR: Exhibit 16.

JUDGE COLES: Just let us have a look at it. I don't think that we have seen the view of the house, members of the Jury.

MR. WALSH: No, the Jury haven't seen that.

JUDGE COLES: Yes. Let the Jury see the other photographs first, Mr. O'Connor.

MR. WALSH: I wonder if the Crown might be allowed to look at it?

JUDGE COLES: In due course.

MR. O'CONNOR: Could that be given an exhibit number, please, because it is of some importance

JUDGE COLES: Now, it must be. That is why I want to get that dealt with before we go any further.

MR. O'CONNOR: Could I ask what exhibit number that will get, please?

MR. WALSH: I think 49, your Honour.

JUDGE COLES: I agree. That is the photograph. Where is it? I would like to see it? Where is it? Could we have a Clerk brought in again, please? We are looking for a photograph which has not yet been exhibited, a single colour photograph.

THE WITNESS: This one? I'm sorry. There's no label on it.

MR. O'CONNOR: Could that be handed round before I move any further?

JUDGE COLES: That is a single photograph of which you have no copies?

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, that is correct.

JUDGE COLES: So, it must be treated with great care.

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes, your Honour. (Photograph Handed to Prosecution Counsel, Judge and Jury) May I be allowed

to finish putting my case, which will take a minute or so?

JUDGE COLES: Yes. You usually act as a barometer of heat. I thought it was getting a little stuffy in here. Perhaps you have been generating more heat?

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes. Relief is at hand. Out of fairness to the witness, I will complete my case.

JUDGE COLES: Yes. Do it nice and slowly so the shorthand writer is not exhausted.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Did you see any injured person, male, lying in the road just to your right of the centre line of the road ahead of the Police cordon? - A. No, not to my knowledge, no.

Q. As you and Mr. Abson advanced, Mr. Crichlow, I suggest, was crouched over such a man, quite a large man, perhaps in his forties or fifties, lying in the road beside the centre line of the road. - A. That would be incorrect.

Q. He looked up at Police Officers advancing and a right-handed truncheon blow hit him on the back of the head. - A. Hit who on the back of the head?

Q. Mr. Crichlow. - A. That would be incorrect.

Q. I suggest it is as simple as that. You have simply fabricated this story about a wall, haven't you? - A. That is thoroughly incorrect.

JUDGE COLES: Are you suggesting it was his hand which held the truncheon?

MR. O'CONNOR: I can't.

JUDGE COLES: Very well. Fine.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: It certainly was one of the two officers who pulled Mr. Crichlow to his feet, either you or Mr. Abson, and are you accepting now that there is any doubt in your mind that his head did hit a wall? - A. There is an admission of doubt whether it was a wall or the pavement.

Q. Have you expressed any of that doubt in your witness statement? - A. No, I have not. I mentioned a wall.

Q. Fell over backwards on the kerb-stone, hitting his head on a wall? - A. That's correct.

Q. Did you have any doubt about that when you wrote the statement? - A. Obviously, when we made the statement together that is how it appeared to me, but since then I have had doubt.

Q. Why? - A. I'm sorry?

Q. Why? - A. Because I can't say for certain that it was a wall or a pavement.

- Q. You see, since then you say you have had doubt. When did you first have a doubt? - A. I can't put a time to it.
- Q. Well, was it today? - A. No, no, no.
- Q. Was it later on the 18th June? - A. Possibly, yes.
- Q. What caused you, later on the 18th, to have some doubt about it? - A. Well, just discussing it.
- Q. Who with? - A. P.C. Abson.
- Q. Where? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Where? - A. Well, we worked together and, obviously, in the van - we did go back to Birmingham that day.
- Q. So, in the van on the way back to Birmingham, talking with Mr. Abson, you said you had a bit of doubt, or Mr. Abson said that? - A. I think it was me who had the doubt.
- Q. And did Mr. Abson agree with you? - A. I have no recollection. I can't remember what his view on it was.
- Q. Did you make a further, very short witness statement saying, "I've thought about that part of my original statement again and there was some doubt about it"? - A. I did not, no.

MR. O'CONNOR: Thank you, your Honour.

(Short Adjournment)

MR. O'CONNOR: I have located what is Exhibit 18, your Honour. That is what I meant and it is the "junction" photograph which my learned friend, Miss Russell, put in some time ago. I will hand it to you.

JUDGE COLES: We don't have any copies of it, do we? I didn't think so, no.

MR. O'CONNOR: Miss Russell has gone to the House of Commons.

MR. WALSH: As I recall, I don't think any of us, or very few of us, have got it because it came in only momentarily some weeks ago and never got any further.

MR. O'CONNOR: Could that, very speedily, be handed round so people can refresh their recollection? I won't ask any detail about it.

JUDGE COLES: Mr. O'Connor wants you to be speedy, members of the Jury. I think you have seen it before, actually. I have a note which might suggest, Mr. O'Connor, that this was a photograph of Mr. Marshall.

MR. O'CONNOR: No, your Honour. This is

JUDGE COLES: That can't be right, can it?

MR. O'CONNOR: No. This is the person lying on the ground, crouched a bit, with two officers with long shields standing beside him and at the junction, Exhibit 18.

JUDGE COLES: Yes. I thought it was 16.

MR. REES: 16 is Mr. Newbigging, in fact, your Honour.

MR. O'CONNOR: It is my recollection, because that is obviously taken considerably further on

JUDGE COLES: May I have a quick look myself?

MR. O'CONNOR: It is taken at the junction.

JUDGE COLES: Yes.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: May I make it clear that the person who I suggest was being attended to by Mr. Crichlow - you follow, and I have to continue putting my case, although you have denied it - had not been injured by any Police Officer. He had fallen in the road ahead of any Police Officers. Do you follow? - A. I follow what you say.
- Q. I just asked you to look at that photograph because one can at least see that the person there on the ground is wearing a brand of jeans, "Lee" jeans, and he could well be a fairly well-built person. Do you agree? - A. Yes, indeed.
- Q. I only ask you to look at that because that might be the person I am suggesting was lying in the road by whom was Mr. Crichlow. Do you follow? - A. Yes, I follow.
- Q. That is taken later and further on and I don't put any detail to you. I don't know - he may have been helped, he may have got up and continued himself.....

JUDGE COLES: You are suggesting this man in the photograph may, at some earlier time, have been in the road being attended by Mr. Crichlow?

MR. O'CONNOR: Exactly.

JUDGE COLES: And after Mr. Crichlow was wrongly arrested by officers and taken away, had found his way to the position shown in Photograph 18?

MR. O'CONNOR: Yes.

JUDGE COLES: I don't think anyone will criticise you for not putting that to this officer.

MR. O'CONNOR: Fair enough:

- Q. May I just say this, and I don't go any further - that in some statements served on us recently, there is some ground for my making that suggestion. I didn't anticipate you suddenly breaking down and saying you have not been telling the truth as a result of that. That means nothing to you? - A. No, that means nothing.
- Q. May I just make this clear, that with the aid of Exhibit 3, the long plan, that your location for the arrest of Mr. Crichlow is at the house, in front of the house, just beyond, from your point of view, the bungalow? - A. Yes.
- Q. Right. Now, the events I have put to you as happening, I suggest happened considerably further along the road, and I ought to be specific - can I take you through the plan along to that point and put it to you? We start with the building you have described, the house beside the bungalow. Can you go on the plan with me? - A. Yes.
- Q. And then we go through another couple of houses and we reach a gap between the houses, don't we? That is beyond "ELS" in the road. - A. Yes.
- Q. And then the houses begin again? - A. Yes.
- Q. And then there is a gap - there are two houses and a gap, an alleyway? - A. Yes.
- Q. And then I suggest the first house then, in fact, is number 21. - A. Yes.

JUDGE COLES: I will just suggest numbers we can put in.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: You have not got numbers on there? - A. No, sir.
- Q. I suggest these events took place quite a long way further along than you have told us. - A. That is incorrect.
- Q. Did you see Sergeant Kelsey at this stage, when you arrested Mr. Crichlow? Did you see where he was? - A. No. I've no idea.
- Q. Or any other member of your unit? - A. I did not see anybody else, no.
- Q. Did you see any other arrests? - A. No, not at this stage, no.
- Q. Did you see, at any stage beyond the bridge, any officer using a truncheon on any pickets? - A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you see anything like that, an attempted blow at any pickets? - A. No, because we were running forward at the pickets and we were at the front line.

- Q. Did you see any other arrests? - A. No, I did not.
- Q. Did you see any other injured persons? - A. No.
- Q. You have described - you have still got the plan in front of you - and it is certainly clear, isn't it, that you are talking about your charge continuing and the only charge you describe in this statement, for 50 yards, is completely wrong, isn't it? - A. 50 yards?
- Q. Yes. - A. Well, as I say, we moved up to where I pointed out before on the photographs and halted there.
- Q. You only give a distance in your statement. You don't say where from, but it is obviously almost 100 yards from before the bridge to by the bungalow. - A. I - well, not knowing the scale of the map, I don't know.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: Well, it is on the bottom. We can measure it. You say if it is not 50 yards you made a miscalculation? - A. Indeed so.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Not a case of you missing out a charge - you stopped somewhere where you have not told us about and then charged again? - A. I'm not with you there.
- Q. Well, if you reached the point where you arrested Mr. Crichlow after a charge of 50 yards, you have started from a different point, haven't you? - A. No. We advanced 50 yards, what I took to be 50 yards, we stopped and I advanced a further 15 yards to make an arrest.
- Q. Did you walk back then? From the plan, it is about 600 yards to walk back to the command centre. - A. It was rather a long walk, yes.
- Q. It was rather a long walk? Was there any particular reason for it being a long walk? - A. We had to take him back down to the holding area.
- Q. Yes. Can you remember anything about that walk? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. Well, you have already been referred to the photograph. While you are on the bridge with Mr. Crichlow, can you remember - photograph seven of Exhibit 21 - anything about Mr. Crichlow's condition then? - A. As I say, as I said before, he was semi-conscious.
- Q. He had great difficulty in getting to his feet and walking properly, didn't he? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. And you are holding him up there, aren't you, underneath his - A. Well, he was walking, but obviously he needed assistance.
- Q. Did you get him assistance as quickly as you could? - A. Took him down to the holding area where he was given first aid and then, from then on straight to the hospital.

Q. Did you get him assistance as quickly as you could? - A. That would be correct, yes.

Q. So, the nearest assistance, medical assistance, was in the command centre, was it? - A. Well, there were ambulances about, but as he was a prisoner he had to be taken to the holding area.

Q. Do you recollect, therefore, that you walked past several ambulances taking Mr. Crichlow in that condition to the command centre? - A. There were ambulances, yes.

Q. And ambulanceman and perhaps ambulancewomen as well? - A. By the holding area, yes.

Q. And by the ambulances? - A. Yes, just by the holding area.

Q. JUDGE COLES: It has been suggested to you, I think, that there were ambulances about in the course of the 600 yard walk before you got to the holding area. - A. That, I have no recollection of.

JUDGE COLES: Is that being suggested?

MR. O'CONNOR: It is, and in that regard may I put Exhibit 31b and 31a, of Mr. Foulds, my other client? 31b was a similar black and white photograph

JUDGE COLES: I'm sorry? 31b? I thought you said 33?

MR. O'CONNOR: No, your Honour:

Q. Now, that is taken at the time we know, and you probably don't know, shortly before your arrest of Mr. Crichlow. Do you follow? I suggest that that is the scene. There may have been one less ambulance. There may have been one more ambulance, but as you are walking down from the bridge, that is on the walk down from the bridge? - A. Yes.

Q. There are three or four ambulances there, aren't there? - A. yes.

Q. And you have walked right by them, Mr. Norris, haven't you? - A. I did not pass any ambulances.

Q. JUDGE COLES: You say the ambulances you saw were at the holding area? - A. yes.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Can I just ask you to look at the detention document, please?

Q. JUDGE COLES: Can I just get it clear what you say? If there had been ambulances on the road before you got to the holding area would you have tried to put Mr. Crichlow into one of them or not? - A. I would have if there was an ambulance there, but as I say, if there were no ambulances on the road back, the nearest one is being at the holding area.

Q. I ask you because you made some comment a moment or two ago about his being a prisoner and having to be taken to the holding area. What did you mean by that? - A. Well, most prisoners, if they're in that condition, semi conscious, will still be able to be brought to the Police Station,

logged and then taken to the hospital.

Q. I am still not quite clear. You said a moment ago if you had passed an ambulance you would have put him straight into it. That would have prevented him going to the holding area. - A. He would have gone to the holding area, he would have got his first aid treatment.

Q. And the ambulance, had there been an ambulance, you would have got him into, you say, to take him to the holding area? - A. That would be correct, yes.

JUDGE COLES: I see.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: You are a Police Officer of seven years' experience, you told us? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Some training in first aid, have you? - A. Yes, indeed.

Q. Have you any idea of the potential seriousness of head injuries? - A. Indeed so, yes.

Q. Can I refer you to the document that may just have been handed to you? - A. Yes.

Q. Because there is a photograph there. I will ask you about that in a minute, if I may, on something - there again, you have written this document (sic)? - A. Sorry?

Q. You have not written this document? - A. No.

Q. Can I ask you about something on it? - A. Yes.

Q. I suggest it can only have come from you - "Time of Arrest"? - A. Yes.

Q. You are the arresting officer? - A. Yes.

Q. You must have been asked and told the Sergeant what the time of the arrest was? - A. Yes.

Q. And what is the time of arrest? - A. 11.30.

Q. I ask you now to look at your witness statement. - A. Yes.

Q. What is happening at 11.30, according to your witness statement. - A. I was deployed on, as I say, this advance, which saw the arrest of Mr. Crichlow.

Q. What time have we got for arrival at the Police Station, the command centre? - A. 11.50.

Q. Is that - having seen that time, do you accept that as being accurate? - A. I really can't say 11.30 was accurate. We didn't know what time it was. I have stated that before.

Q. Why did you say 11.30 to the Sergeant? - A. It was about 11.30 by the time we got back to the holding area and looked at the clock.

Q. And you say it was 11.50? - A. No, it was earlier than that, actually.

Q. So that the 11.50 arrival time at the Police Station is wrong? -
A. Yes.

Q. It is? - A. Yes.

Q. You see the significance of this? First of all, your witness statement may not be quite right about times, but secondly, on the face of that document, if those times are right, this 600 yard walk took 20 minutes, didn't it? - A. If those times were right, yes.

Q. JUDGE COLES: The Jury and I haven't got the document. Let's not be confused. What are the times you accept? 11.30, time of arrest?
- A. Yes.

Q. And do you say that was based on a clock you saw when you got back to the holding area? - A. That's correct.

Q. Which showed some time after 11.30, but before 11.50? - A. Yes, indeed.

Q. If the time of 11.50 would be your arrival at the Police Station, what does that represent? - A. It says here, "Time of arrival at the Police office, 11.50".

Q. And Police office, in that context, means office at the holding area?
- A. That's correct, yes.

Q. You say this is not right? - A. Certainly an error, yes.

Q. Should be earlier? - A. It should be earlier, yes.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Did your 600 yard walk with Mr. Crichlow take anything like 20 minutes? - A. No, Heavens, no, no.

Q. Can I ask you to look at the photographs and Polaroid photographs of Mr. Crichlow there, please? - A. Yes.

Q. Now, you have told us that that was taken after his return from the hospital? - A. Not after his return. It could be before, actually.

Q. That is what you have told us, you see, in answer to questions from my learned friend

JUDGE COLES: Just a moment. Yes.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: That is what you told us....

Q. JUDGE COLES: That is right. You said earlier he was photographed and documented on your return, after 1.30. - A. Well, I think I've made an error there. I think this photograph was taken straight away.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Do you agree he looks in quite a bad way? - A. As I said before, he was semi conscious, yes.

MR. O'CONNOR: Your Honour, may I just say I would like that photograph to be exhibited and the Jury to see it properly?

JUDGE COLES: Yes.

MR. O'CONNOR: Could that be handed round? I won't say "speedily".

MR. WALSH: I suppose it will have to be removed from the accompanying documents, your Honour.

JUDGE COLES: yes.

MR. WALSH: That will be Exhibit 50. (Handed to the Jury)

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Now, Mr. Crichlow had to sit on the steps beside the command centre. Do you remember? - A. Yes. There was some confusion at the centre, obviously.
- Q. Well, nothing to do with any confusion, but because of his condition he had to sit down on the steps. He had difficulty in standing up, didn't he? - A. Well, we sat him down, yes.
- Q. Remember the journey to the hospital? - A. Not particularly very well, no.
- Q. Do you remember going by Poplar Way? - A. I don't know where Poplar Way is.
- Q. You don't know where Poplar Way is? You didn't go up topside and over the bridge? You went back in the opposite direction? - A. Yes, we went down.
- Q. Can you remember on that journey going by a place, only a short distance from the coking plant, where there were some pickets and Policemen and quite separate groups of Police and pickets from topside? - A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember going by them? - A. I think so, yes.
- Q. Do you remember your saying to Mr. Crichlow, "Look at that. You've got no chance"? - A. No, that would be absolute rubbish.
- Q. He goes to casualty, obviously, at the hospital, and you and Mr. Abson stayed with him? - A. Yes.
- Q. He goes to x-ray? - A. That's correct, sir.
- Q. Do you remember trying to go into the x-ray room with him? - A. Not particularly very well, no.
- Q. Being told to stay out by the medical staff? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. X-rays can have some fairly drastic effects. Can you remember just two things I want to put to you. While you are waiting, the three of you, there are nurses and other patients around? - A. Yes, that would be correct.
- Q. And Mr. Crichlow gets up to go into the x-ray room, and can you remember helping him up by holding him with one arm and saying, "Are you all right, Mr. Crichlow"? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. You can't remember. Then, you went in Police transport, did you, from the hospital back to the command centre? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. No nurses, other patients, doctors around there as you are leading Mr. Crichlow to the Police transport, was there? - A. I'm sorry. I'm

not with you. Where?

Q. I'm suggesting you behaved in one way when people were around and then within minutes you are helping Mr. Crichlow to the Police transport and say, "Get in, you bastard"? - A. That would be totally, thoroughly incorrect.

Q. Can I ask you to look at the operational log again, please? -
A. Yes.

Q. Can I ask you to look at one of the later pages that deal with injuries to prisoners, a whole page? - A. Yes.

Q. Any reference at all to Mr. Crichlow or his injury there? - A. No.

Q. Do you have any explanation for that? - A. I don't know. I did not fill in the book.

Q. Now, we get back to the command centre and there is this conversation, yes? - A. That's correct, yes.

Q. Pretty ideal, wasn't it, really? Mr. Crichlow says, "I am guilty"? -
A. That's what he said.

Q. And it's your lucky day, really, because there he is implicating Mr. Scargill as well? - A. That's what he said.

Q. Let's look at what you say he said. Let's look at the beginning of the conversation. Can I ask you where it took place? - A. Yes, leading him from the one room down a corridor and into the prison van.

Q. You don't say anything about that in the statement, do you? - A. No.

Q. After being documented, you say to him, "You understand you have been arrested for unlawful assembly"? - A. I didn't.

Q. You didn't? Where did unlawful assembly come from? - A. When I told the Sergeant who took the charge the circumstances, he wrote down and told me he had been arrested for unlawful assembly.

Q. So, the idea came from your Sergeant, not from you? - A. That would be correct, yes.

Q. Had there been any discussion in your unit about the charges which might be brought against people who would be arrested on that day?
- A. Prior to the 18th June, no.

Q. Or on 18th June, but before the arrest? - A. No.

Q. There had been? - A. No.

Q. So, Mr. Crichlow had been in front of the Sergeant and the Sergeant had said, "That's unlawful assembly"? - A. When he asked for the circumstances I obviously told him and that's what he replied, that.

Q. And you repeated that, you said, "You understand you have been arrested for unlawful assembly"? - A. That's correct, yes.

- Q. "Yes, I know, but it's my job". "Why did you throw missiles?" - you had only seen him throw one? - A. Well, he would have thrown the other if he hadn't fallen.
- Q. "If Arthur Scargill says, 'rush the Police', I do. If he says, 'throw stones', I will"? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Of course, that must have been of some interest to you, Mr. Crichlow saying that? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. Not particularly? You see, I was going to suggest that if this was said you might have been a little interested? - A. I was not interested, no.
- Q. If this was said, you might have asked one or two more questions, mightn't you, like, "Has Arthur Scargill said, 'Throw stones' and 'Rush the Police'"? - A. No. The conversation was quite short. As I said, it was taken on the way to escorting him to the prison van.
- Q. You see, I suggest that that is absolutely wrong. Let me try to explore it a little bit. There was intense interest, wasn't there, amongst Police Officers and many others as to possibly implicating Arthur Scargill in organising violence on the picket lines, wasn't there? - A. I believe that to be true, yes.
- Q That seems to have passed you by? Is that right? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. In your seven years, have you ever been a detective? - A. I have not, no.
- Q. Do you agree that if that was said the person saying that, a further question would be put to him: "Have you spoken to him?", or "Is there some document saying, 'rush the Police' or 'throw stones'"? You might have got some quite useful answers, mightn't you? - A. I took it that the conversation was part of a bragging.
- Q. You might have had the first miner supergrass, mightn't you, spilling the beans? - A. That's very doubtful.
- Q. Nothing like this was said, was it? - A. It was.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: You took it to be bragging? - A. Indeed, sir, yes.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: "I'm guilty and that's that"? - A. That's what he said, yes.
- Q. Have you ever watched bad detective films on television? ...
- JUDGE COLES: I don't think the Court is really very interested in whether he does or not.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Down in London, where they tend to say, "It's a fair cop", or "You got me bang to rights"
- JUDGE COLES: I don't think the Court is very interested in what you think up in London either.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: I suggest this conversation has more to do with your contempt for miners, your attitude towards them. - A. That's ridiculous.
- Q. More to do with that than anything else. - A. Thoroughly incorrect.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: Do you have contempt for miners? - A. I do not.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: It took ten seconds for Mr. Crichlow to be taken from that desk to the prison van and no conversation took place at all. - A. That is incorrect.
- Q. Now, we have a time for this, don't we? From your witness statement, about 1.50? - A. Yes, it was documented at 1.50.
- Q. And you told us that it was 2.15 when you made your witness statement? - A. That's correct.
- Q. What's the problem? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. What is the delay? - A. Delay in what?
- Q. Until 2.15? - A. He is documented, placed on a PLC sheet. That does take some time.
- Q. You go up to this room, do you? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Up on the first floor? - A. I believe so.
- Q. Somebody tells you to go? - A. No. We had to find our own way.
- Q. Why did you go there at all? - A. So we can obviously make a statement.
- Q. But, why? How did you go about it? The building is full of rooms? - A. Yes, indeed.
- Q. Why did you go? - A. It's obvious. We have to make a statements. We ask where we could get some statements before.
- Q. Ask the desk Sergeant where to go for statements? - A. Indeed, sir.
- Q. So, you go up to this room? - A. Yes.
- Q. With Mr. Abson? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Just the two of you? - A. Yes.
- Q. Anybody else in the room? - A. Indeed, there are other people in the room.
- Q. So, can you tell us what happens, please? Do you get/^a blank statement form in the room? - A. Well, they're lying on the tables, yes.
- Q. Lying on the tables. - A. Yes.
- Q. Nobody gives them to you. You just take some blank forms? - A. Yes, that's correct.

- Q. You sit down with Mr. Abson? - A. yes.
- Q. And you start to write, the two of you? - A. Well, we discussed what happened, what we both saw, and wrote it down.
- Q. Have you taken in documents with you? - A. No, not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Well, you would remember, wouldn't you? - A. yes.
- Q. So, you don't actually take any documents up with you. You sit down with a blank statement form and you and Mr. Abson put your heads together and then you write your statement? - A. That would be correct, yes.
- Q. And you cannot recollect any assistance from anybody except Mr. Abson or any documents in making your statement? - A. There were other people writing statements.
- Q. But, they didn't help you? - A. Not particularly, no, apart from the fact I did read the beginning of one of the statements to describe the scene.
- Q. You read the beginning of one of the statements to describe the scene? - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Well, how did that come about? - A. We wanted to know how to start the statement off.
- Q. Why? - A. Well, we just as you read it there.
- Q. Well, what did you want help with, Mr. Norris? - A. Just the placing of the scene.
- Q. What placing of the scene? Look at your statement. What is the help you have got from some other source? - A. Highfield Lane, all this first - only two, three paragraphs.
- Q. You had been there a couple of times before? - A. Yes, indeed.
- Q. You knew it was Highfield Lane. - A. I did not know that.
- Q. Had you made your witness statement dealing with your previous attendances there? - A. No.
- Q. You hadn't? - A. No.
- Q. Did you need some help with the address of Highfield Lane? - A. Well, yes.
- Q. What else did you need help with? - A. Just the placing of the scene, that's all.
- Q. Which is Highfield Lane? - A. Yes. Well, as I say, the beginning of the statement.
- Q. You didn't need help with writing, "I am Police Constable Norris ..."? - A. I had no difficulty with that.

- Q. Next paragraph: "11.30 ..." Did you need any help with that?
- A. No.
- Q. And the next paragraph? - A. No.
- Q. Can you read out the third paragraph? - A. "I formed part of a Police Support Unit attired in riot equipment. The Police line defending Orgreave Coking Plant from a large mass of several thousand pickets was under constant attacks of bricks, stones and other missiles".
- Q. Can you please tell us why you needed any help to write that? - A. Just to make sure we got it right in the context of placing us and what other people are putting and what is needed.
- Q. Make sure you got it right or make sure you got the same as other Police Officers? - A. Basically, as I say, to get it the same, as it started off.
- Q. Did anybody else tell you this? - A. No, no.
- Q. So, where did you get the statement from? - A. Other officers were writing statements.
- Q. Yes. Can you answer the question? Where did you get this draft statement from? - A. It wasn't a draft statement. Another officer was writing a statement. I looked at his.
- Q. Did you ask him for his? - A. No, I just looked.
- Q. You looked? - A. Yes.
- Q. Why? - A. To get the context of the first couple of paragraphs.
- Q. Did you know who that other officer was? - A. I have no idea, no.
- Q. Was he from your unit? - A. No.
- Q. Your Force? - A. No.
- Q. Did you know where he had been? Do you remember? - A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Did you know where he had been? - A. He was obviously involved because he was writing a statement out.
- Q. How do you know he had been involved on topside? - A. I don't know where he had been involved.
- Q. He could have been writing about Poplar Way? - A. Indeed.
- Q. About the back of the coking plant? - A. That's true.
- Q. Why did you look at his statement? - A. To get the context of his writing.
- Q. You are writing about that, Mr. Norris. How do you know he is writing the context? You wouldn't

- Q. JUDGE COLES: What counsel puts to you is if you didn't know that the place you had been to was called Highfield Lane and you needed assistance with that, how did you know you would get it? He might have been giving you a wrong address. - A. I appreciate that. What the statement I read gave me was the description of the picket line and how we moved into it.
- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Why did you need any help to write that for yourself? - A. As I say, to get the context right.
- Q. You are sure that you weren't told to do that? - A. I am quite sure I wasn't told what to write.
- Q. By a detective? - A. No.
- Q. A detective didn't tell you to do it? - A. No, there wasn't even a detective in the room.
- Q. There wasn't even a detective in the room? You do it off your own back? What about Mr. Abson? - A. What about him?
- Q. What did he do? - A. He was with me.
- Q. Yes. Did he do the same thing? - A. He obviously read the same statement, yes.
- Q. Did you suggest that he did the same thing? Did you say, "Here is a good beginning. I'm going to use it. You had better use it too", something like that? - A. No, no, no.
- Q. Tell us. - A. It just describes how we placed ourselves on the scene.
- Q. Any other assistance that you have missed out? - A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Not from a person or from a document? Are you sure? - A. As I say, obviously we put down the name and address of Mr. Crichlow.
- Q. Exactly. Where did you get the name and address and date of birth of Mr. Crichlow from, if your story is true? - A. I had it on a piece of paper.
- Q. What piece of paper? - A. A piece of paper that is written when the PLC sheet is filled out.
- Q. That you took up with you from the desk Sergeant up to that room? - A. That's correct.
- Q. That you forgot about two minutes ago? - A. Yes, that's correct.

JUDGE COLES: The shorthand writer is again experiencing some distress. Please slow down.

MR. O'CONNOR: My apologies, your Honour. I did not know.

THE WITNESS: A piece of scrap paper with details on was with his document.

- Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Who is Police Constable Brow (?) - A. I haven't a clue. He was a person who was making a statement out. He witnessed my signature.
- Q. Was he the person whose statement you took it off? - A. I don't think so, no.
- Q. He was there, sitting next to you? - A. Yes.
- Q. On the other side from the officer from whose statement you copied? - A. Yes, that would be correct.
- Q. Now, just finally, and it is a final point I want to put to you. You have told us your recollection of a journey, a journey back to Birmingham? - A. I'm sorry?.
- Q. A journey back to Birmingham when you had this conversation with Mr. Abson about the wall? - A. Yes.
- Q. Was it that evening? - A. I think it was, yes.
- Q. I mean - A. I'm not one hundred per cent certain about that.
- Q. I thought you told us you were on duty at Orgreave on Tuesday and Wednesday? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Did you go back to Birmingham on the Monday afternoon or evening? - A. It would be the Monday, late-ish. There is a document here that tells you: "Set down at five o'clock, back in Birmingham for seven o'clock".
- Q. Well, in fact the document doesn't say "back in Birmingham for seven o'clock". - A. No. It says, "Off duty".
- Q. Are you sure you weren't staying somewhere around near South Yorkshire? - A. No, no.
- Q. You were going to go, each of you? - A. Yes.
- Q. Fair enough. You talk about a wall, and do you also have a chat, a general chit-chat amongst you about the events of the day? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Were you aware, in broad terms, how well your half of your PSU had done during the course of the day? - A. How well?
- Q. Yes. - A. What? In what context?
- Q. Pretty productive, weren't you? Do you recollect

JUDGE COLES: Mr. O'Connor, do put what you are putting.

MR. O'CONNOR: Certainly:

- Q. We will hear evidence that of your half of this unit, Sergeant Kelsey and Mr. Skeldon made one arrest. We will hear about it in this case. Do you follow? - A. Yes, indeed.

Q. JUDGE COLES: Do you know how many arrests there were, how many arrests your PSU made? - A. I think about three.

Q. MR. O'CONNOR: Could you follow with me

JUDGE COLES: If he wasn't present at each arrest, how can he, Mr. O'Connor, give evidence of his own knowledge?

MR. O'CONNOR: Because I am not asking him for that, your Honour, which would be the proper line of questioning, but it is also proper to ask him about the source of conversation that was going on if he was there.

JUDGE COLES: If you are suggesting that everybody was terribly cheerful about the number of arrests that had taken place, put it, but what is the point of going through the list of names with him?

MR. O'CONNOR: Your Honour, because the picture would then be filled out, but if your Honour wishes me to go more speedily, certainly:

Q. Do you recollect I asked you to remember back, presenting a realistic picture, please - talk as you are returning to Birmingham that day about your unit having done a good job? - A. No, not particular, no.

Q. No, not particularly? I will just put this to you, just globally, that putting aside Mr. Billington, who was injured, as we accept, of your half of the PSU only two people were not involved in an arrest. Now, is that something that you are aware of or not? - A. I am aware of that. I think we made about three arrests, yes.

Q. Well, I suggest it was five. Only two people out of your half travelling in the van were not being involved in an arrest that day. You don't recollect that being the sort of talk? - A. Good Heavens, no. Nothing unusual.

MR. TAYLOR: I have a number of questions. I am quite happy to start now, but I won't be able to finish in five minutes.

JUDGE COLES: Let's make a start. We must press on.

Cross-examined by MR. TAYLOR:

Q. Can you tell me the name of your Police Station that you were stationed at last June? - A. Bradford (?) Street.

Q. And out of your own PSU were quite a lot of them from Bradford Street as well? - A. Indeed, sir.

Q. Can I deal with the half of your PSU you were a member of, the one that Sergeant Kelsey was in charge of? Do you know him well? - A. Indeed. He is my Sergeant.

Q. Do you still work with him? - A. Indeed so.

Q. How long has that been for? - A. It's about two years now.

Q. About two years. Mr. Pearson, P.C. Pearson? - A. Yes.

Q. Is he at Bradford Street as well? - A. No. He has left our

department, but was based at another station.

- Q. In June of last year was he at Bradford Street? - A. No, he was, I think, at Treely (?) Police Station.
- Q. Do you know him well? - A. Not particularly, no.
- Q. Did you know him by sight? - A. I knew him by sight.
- Q. Mr. Spencer, P.C. Spencer, where was he based in June of last year?
- A. Dipton (?)
- Q. Did you know him at all? - A. I know him by sight, yes.
- Q. Did you know him by sight in June of last year? - A. Not particularly no.
- Q. Not particularly? - A. No.
- Q. P.C. Griffiths, was he at Bradford Station? - A. Yes.
- Q. In June of last year? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And did you know him well? - A. Yes.
- Q. As a working colleague? - A. Yes indeed.
- Q. Or as a friend? - A. Just as a working colleague.
- Q. Now, after the first name on the list there is a Constable 5914 Deakin. Was he at Bradford Street? - A. Indeed, yes.
- Q. Do you know him well? - A. Yes.
- Q. Worked with him for some time? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Next on the list is yourself? - A. That's correct.
- Q. And then Mr. Hanrahan, next one? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Was he Bradford Street? - A. Yes, he was, and the rest are Bradford Street, if it helps.
- Q. Yes. Thank you. Good. Mr. Hanrahan, he was there in June of last year? - A. Indeed.
- Q. Knew him well as a working colleague? - A. As a working colleague, yes.
- Q. As a friend as well? - A. No, just as a working colleague.
- Q. Mr. Jones, 5958? - A. That's correct.
- Q. Well, he is at Bradford Street as well. Did you know him in June of last year? - A. yes, indeed.

JUDGE COLES: A little more slowly, please.

MR. TAYLOR: I'm sorry:

- Q. And you knew him well, Mr. Jones, as well? - A. yes.
- Q. Mr. Abson, does the same apply to him? - A. Yes.
- Q. He was your partner on this day? - A. On that day, yes.
- Q. Mr. Billington, you knew him by sight as well? - A. Yes, I knew him, yes, and worked with him, and P.C. Skeldon, the last one on the list.
- Q. Yes. I am only going to deal with these. So, out of these, they are all Bradford Street, except two? - A. Yes, Pearson and Spencer.
- Q. And they worked together on that day? - A. Yes.
- Q. Had you trained with that particular group before the 18th June in PSU tactics? - A. Well, with everybody else, yes.
- Q. And with everybody else in the whole PSU group? - A. In a way, yes. If I can describe it a bit better. They are operational support units. There are 120 officers on that and we had trained in PSU tactics.
- Q. So, 120 are all West Midlands? - A. yes.
- Q. And you, from time to time, had training, but the training with one won't be the same training with the same person every time, but a different one? - A. With different ones.
- Q. Anyone out of the different ones you could do training with? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Did you train regularly with this half that you were with on the 18th June? had you trained with them before? - A. I have trained with them before, yes.
- Q. And the special sort of training that you had involved one particular manoeuvre that you have already described, is it sometimes referred to in a sort of slang as a four-man snatch squad? - A. Where you have two shields and two unprotected officers, that's correct.
- Q. What is the purpose of that particular deployment? - A. The two people at the back to pin-point demonstrators who are throwing missiles, to go forward, and the shield men to add protection, and the two men behind to make the arrest.
- Q. You have said that this particular day, the 18th, you did form up in fours? - A. Yes.
- Q. In that way. So, there would be five groups, about? - A. There should be, yes.
is how
- Q. And that/you started the day off? - A. That is how the day started off.

- Q. Before you went to the bridge, and this is after your refreshment, before you did that, you went out on two occasions that you have said, up the roadway? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. When you did that were you, at that stage of the day, the early part of the day, in your groups of four then? - A. It started off in groups of four, but as we advanced it split up.
- Q. So, would it be fair to say what you had done in training, when you came to do it on the day - A. It didn't work, that's correct.
- Q. So, in/^{fact}, when you were following it through you found that you, the rest of your PSU and the other PSU that was with short shields, in effect, ran after the demonstrators and they ran away? - A. That's right, yes.
- Q. And at that stage you didn't, your PSU didn't make any arrests? - A. I don't know whether other people made any arrests, no.
- Q. We have got some shields in Court, a long one there. None of your PSU had any of those? - A. We didn't carry them, no.
- Q. They were in the van? - A. Yes, they were in the van.
- Q. But, you didn't have anything like that? - A. No.
- Q. Do you know what sort of Force used those? - A. On the side it says, "Merseyside". I wouldn't know.
- Q. You didn't know? There is one in front of you, if you look over the edge of the box, you can see another one. Did any of your PSU have one like that? That is the oblong one, - A. No, certainly not. It's a clear, round shield, as I described before.
- Q. There is another one here. Is the shield that you had roughly the same size as that? - A. yes.
- Q. But, instead of being obviously like a dustbin lid, it's transparent? - A. It's transparent, yes.
- Q. Has "Police" written on the front? - A. Indeed.
- Q. Is it like that on the back? - A. It is.
- Q. For holding it? - A. Yes.
- Q. Can you describe the back of the shield you had? - A. I didn't have a shield.
- Q. Well, your unit had? - A. The top handles of the long shield is what you have got on our shields.
- Q. So, the same as the oblong shield there? - A. Yes.
- Q. Your Inspector - you don't recall Mr. Darnell being there on the day? - A. No, not particularly.
- Q. You do know him? - A. I know him, yes.

- Q. As far as you were concerned, it was Inspector Bennett that was in charge of your PSU? - A. To my recollection, yes.
- Q. Does that mean to say that you and the other West Midland PSU were working together side by side under one Inspector? - A. I'm sorry. I'm not with you there.
- Q. Well, if, accepting for the moment that Inspector Bennett was there from the West Midlands and he had his own PSU - will you accept that for the moment? - A. Yes.
- Q. If he was in charge of you, can you recall him being in charge of two PSUs side by side? - A. Yes, possibly, yes.
- Q. He may have been? Did he have a round shield as well? - A. I do believe so, yes.
- Q. And did your Sergeant Kelsey and - who is it? - A. Sergeant Biddell.
- Q. Did they have round shields as well? - A. I don't know who else carried round shields.
- Q. All right. Did you have
- JUDGE COLES: Who have we got with round shields? Mr. Bennett?
- MR. TAYLOR: Everybody else who had shields had the round type.
- JUDGE COLES: I realise that.
- MR. TAYLOR: That is what I wanted to establish:
- Q. As far as your truncheons are concerned, in your force, in this PSU, what colour were they? - A. Dark brown normally.
- Q. Were they as dark brown as you could mistake them for black? - A. No, Heavens, no.
- Q. No? - A. No.
- Q. You have not got your uniform with you, have you? - A. No, I have not, no.
- Q. Do you know if P.C. Abson has his uniform with him? - A. He doesn't have, no.
- Q. You have not been asked to bring helmets with you, anything like that? - A. No, no.
- Q. Well, just look at that helmet for a moment, the one you have already seen briefly. Now, can you put the visor up and down a few times? You see "Police" written on the visor of this? - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Because on some helmets, "Police" is written on the helmet itself, isn't it? Did you know that? - A. No.

- Q. As far as you are concerned all the helmets that you have ever worn have, rather like that, "Police" written there? - A. Yes.
- Q. Were you issued with a helmet which is your particular helmet, personally? - A. Not personally, no.
- Q. So, each time you go on a deployment you are issued with them there and then and you have to give them back? - A. We didn't give them back. We do keep them, but we keep a hell of a lot. They get damaged very easily.
- Q. JUDGE COLES: All the same size and fit? - A. We have four sizes, actually, which is actually on the side, one to four.
- Q. MR. TAYLOR: Apart from "SYP" on the back, your helmets would have been identical to that? - A. Indeed so.
- Q. Did you have gloves on the day? - A. Indeed so.
- Q. Leather gloves? - A. Yes, Police issue.
- Q. Did you wear them on the day? - A. Indeed so, yes.
- Q. Do you recall an order being given for everybody to wear their gloves? - A. No.
- Q. Was it then just something you decided to do? - A. No, we always wear our gloves.
- Q. When you say you always wear your gloves, did you all in your PSU wear gloves when you went to be deployed? - A. Indeed so.
- Q. Everybody did? - A. Yes.
- Q. You can remember that, can you? - A. Well, I know so because that's what we do.
- Q. It's standard? - A. Yes.
- Q. Did you have shin pads? - A. Some people had shin pads, yes.

JUDGE COLES: I think I am probably stretching everybody's endurance today. We will adjourn, if that is not too inconvenient?

MR. REES: It may assist, because I have a short matter to raise as well.

JUDGE COLES: Very well. We will adjourn so far as your cross-examination is concerned until tomorrow morning at 10.15. Would you like to leave too, members of the Jury?

(In the Absence of the Jury)

MR. REES: Your Honour, I would like to return to the vexed question of P.C. Mckellan (?), which we discussed last night. The

reason I mention it again in open Court is this, that the Defence never made the proposal to the Court, but simply wish to know at this stage whether your Honour would approve of it, because if your Honour doesn't then there is little point in it being considered. The proposal is this, that we start with Inspector Bennett, I then cross-examine Mr. Bennett on behalf of Mr. Marshall with my learned friends - and they have all agreed to do this - reserving their cross-examination of Inspector Bennett. We then have P.C. Mckellan. I understand there is little, if any, cross-examination of P.C. Mckellan by other counsel in the case, and the purpose of that, with respect, it seems to me, is this, that if there were a fear about losing the continuity of the case by having two officers split up, if anything that approach enhances it because I will concentrate on Marshall.

JUDGE COLES: That is a promise?

MR. WALSH: I think there is no need for the witness to stay.

JUDGE COLES: Yes. You may leave the box.

MR. REES: So, we will deal with Marshall in one.

JUDGE COLES: Mr. Norris, don't discuss this case overnight, would you, please, with anybody?

THE WITNESS: Indeed, sir.

JUDGE COLES: With anybody, but most particularly, of course, not with the officer, Mr. Abson, that you were with at the time.

THE WITNESS: Obviously.

JUDGE COLES: With nobody, please, and no doubt the usual arrangements will be made.

MR. WALSH: Can I just assist my learned friend, Mr. Rees. I believe the problem he now canvasses may not now arise. We have been, obviously, considering who we can call first and, as I indicated, I don't know when it was

JUDGE COLES: In chambers, I think.

MR. WALSH: Maybe, your Honour. As I indicated, we are trying to help everybody. My inclinations, once we started the arresting officers and heard their cross-examination, was that because Mr. Bennett was in charge of either all or most of those Liverpool officers who were giving evidence, one course for the Crown was to call him at the end of the arresting officers so any matters that are to be dealt with as a general or sweeping-up matter could be dealt with by him. Because I have erroneously thought that we would conclude the arresting officers before a certain date and that Mckellan would be away until after that date I was, therefore, anxious to get Bennett and Mckellan with Bennett first, because he is an arresting officer, and Mckellan following. But, it is transparently clear now, at the pace we are going, because of the fact that next Monday we are only half a day and on the 12th July we do not sit, that we will still be dealing with arresting officers on the 11th July.

JUDGE COLES: What you mean is Mr. Mckellan will have time to go on holiday.

MR. WALSH: It seems to me that he will and for me to call him as a corroborating officer to Mr. Bennett and keep Mr. Bennett where I was originally intending to put him, and so that solves Mr. Rees's problem in that I won't need to call Mr. Mckellan before Bennett and it solves the problem of interposing Mckellan's evidence in the middle of Bennett's cross-examination.

JUDGE COLES: I understand the point, but I think it, generally speaking, undesirable. If one can avoid it and we can get on and call other witnesses all well and good.

MR. WALSH: Very well.

MR. REES: In relation to this case, your Honour, I would like to consider for a moment. I don't know if I need trouble your Honour with it any further.

JUDGE COLES: Clearly, a matter which may be discussed between counsel.

MR. REES: Yes, but I mention it in open Court because your Honour might have said, "I'm not happy about this".

MRS. BAIRD: Your Honour, there is a potential difficulty. It depends who will be called instead of Mckellan. It is possible the witness will relate to my clients and your Honour has, I think, grasped my personal difficulty, but there are problems if witnesses for Coston are called next. There is a Prosecution witness - I make no secret of it - who would intervene on Costoh's behalf. Since having seen that person here, Mr. Coston has remembered something which assisted him. I hadn't alerted Mr. Walsh to it because it hadn't occurred to me it would happen this week. But, that will intervene and it must be done before the Coston witness is called. If he will be called tomorrow my instructing solicitor won't be here to do the intervening.

JUDGE COLES: What is the position?

MR. WALSH: My learned friend, Mr. Keen, who has been trying to juggle all the arrangements, intended to call Mr. Gayle tomorrow, who deals with Coston. We have been trying to do the exercise to assist everybody.

JUDGE COLES: I do wish counsel would help on this by discussing these matters first with each other.

MR. WALSH: We have.

JUDGE COLES: I know it is difficult with so many of you, but so many of these things can be, and should be, ironed out.

MR. REES: In my defence, I put the proposal I mentioned this morning. I was told it was acceptable. In the coffee break we have just had, I was told it was unacceptable.

MR. WALSH: Simply because I have taken stock of the length of time, I now know we are not under pressure.

MR. REES: Can I, finally, say this, a complete reversal of what I said earlier, for instance, bearing in mind my learned friend's difficulties and other problems, I would be content to have Mckellan before Bennett.

JUDGE COLES: Mr. Rees, you have left me entirely. I no longer know what your application is.

MR. REES: I have no application. My mention - and that is a proper title - of the difficulty was to seek judicial approval of a particular course. It appears to me my learned friend is not inclined to follow that course. That being so, there are other problems which arise if Inspector Bennett goes to the end of the queue. I gather that all my learned friends would agree that Mckellan gives his evidence first and we follow him with Bennett. I am prepared to put up with that.

JUDGE COLES: Very fair of you, thank you, Mr. Rees. What about your problems, Mrs. Baird?

MRS. BAIRD: Firstly, I can't speak very well, so I wouldn't like to be cross-examining if it can be avoided for the next few days, but the prognosis is good for recovering my voice at the weekend. Setting that aside, professionally the difficulties I have, I am due up at the Court of Appeal, appealing against conviction, on Monday morning for a case that I don't think it would be easy to return at this stage. It may be that can be managed since we are not sitting Monday afternoon, but the problems are that a Prosecution witness should be intervened, so whether Mr. Coston is right when he says he recognised him as a person who played a role in his arrest

JUDGE COLES: Could that be done tonight? It is Mr. Manner.

MRS. BAIRD: It may be, but the difficulty is that those instructing me have another case of this nature in Mansfield at the moment and my instructing solicitor is commuting between the two.

JUDGE COLES: That, I fear, is as maybe. He must either be here to do what needs doing or have somebody here to do it. There is only a certain amount of accommodating you can do, I'm afraid.

MR. REES: If we could go back to our original plan, my learned friend won't be in difficulties.

JUDGE COLES: I'm sure your voice has vindicated Mr. Walsh here. I see Mr. Keen caused a certain amount of trouble.

MR. WALSH: I will see what can be done to that end. The Prosecution will call witnesses in the order the Prosecution thinks most appropriate.

JUDGE COLES: In the end, I can't stop you doing that and wouldn't seek to.

MR. WALSH: Yes. I will do my level best to accommodate everybody throughout this case.

JUDGE COLES: If you are incapable of cross-examining, Mrs. Baird, we will have to go elsewhere. I will hear what you have to say in the morning about what will happen tomorrow.

(The Court adjourned until 10.30 a.m.
the following morning.)