

calmed down and the police officer had obtained their details, the officer might caution them, release them and then report them for that offence.

16. Once I had left the Land Rover, Constable Orr directed me to return to the police station to sign-out a baton gun. Although he is not my superior, Constable Orr probably would have been the senior constable on the ground at that particular time. I think he asked me to get a riot gun due to the size of the crowd and the small number of police officers that were there. I do not recall being given any other orders at the scene. The crowd were staying back slightly from the police line, but they had been shouting and roaring with drunkenness and perhaps the odd individual was taking a few steps towards the police, then moving back again. I do not know whether the 2 injured people were still at the scene as I left to fetch the riot gun.
17. I was driven back to the police station to get the baton gun. By whom, I cannot remember. I did not see any other officers on my way back to the station. Upon arriving at the station, I obtained the armoury keys, opened the armoury, went into the baton room and checked the gun. The gun is locked in a rack. The baton rounds are held in a tin box which is approximately 10 inches long, 6 or 7 inches wide and about 6 or 7 inches deep. Following procedure I opened the box to make sure that there were the correct number of rounds in it, and then I signed the gun out in the armoury book. I was not accompanied by another officer whilst I was doing this. I think I was at the police station for a couple of minutes.
18. When I returned to the scene from the station and alighted from the vehicle, I would have taken a couple of rounds from the box and placed them into my pockets. The gun normally goes around my neck on a sling, which is usually attached to the handle of the gun. I was holding the gun when I returned to the scene. The strap or sling was put over my body and I was holding the pistol grip in my right hand. Along the bar there is a bit that I was also holding with my left hand. I would basically say that I was holding the gun across my body. My