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Witness statement of Andrew Aish (2nd)

This is statement of facts to the best of my knowledge for events that took place as I recall on July 1999

I was pilot in command of piper cub G-KIRK traveling from Gloucester to Cardiff on approaching cardiff zone I was asked by air traffic to orbit for about 5 mins.

My passenger commented that he could see a helicopter approaching I was given clearance to transit Cardiff Zone and within a few mins a helicopter came along side the aircraft in very close formation.

I recognised it as the police helicopter it was very close and made me very uneasy I was concentrating on flying the aircraft but as I had to keep glancing at the helicopter it closeness made me think that the rotors could touch at any time .

The helicopter followed across the Zone and after I landed circled overhead for a few mins before departing.

Andy Aish

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Taunton, Somerset