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WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r.70)

Statement of:

Code A

Age if under 18: 0 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: RETIRED

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signed: S SELLWOOD

Date: 12/05/2004

I am retired and live at the address stated overleaf.

Approximately 20 years ago in the early 1980's I was introduced to Rhoda and Brian CUNNINGHAM . Rhoda was suffering from cancer and I became her domestic help. Rhoda died at home several years later. I continued as Brian's domestic helper until he was placed in a rest home. Brian was not an ignorant man, he was knowledgeable. Brian was very 'tactile' and I know that this had caused problems with some of those who knew him. It was also I believe a reason for him leaving one of his rest homes.

His last residence was the Thalena Nursing Home . He only went into the homes in the last years of his life, I have been told that this was 1998.

I went to visit Brian at the Thalena but was told he was at Gosport War Memorial Hospital , again I have been told that this was in September 1998. I know that he was only in the hospital for a short while before he died, perhaps a week.

I visited him twice, once after a few days of his admittance. On this occasion he seemed fine, he had bed sores, obviously he was frail, he had had Parkinson's for some years.

He was quite normal and I did not imagine he was close to death. I was therefore greatly shocked when a few days later I received a phone call from somebody at the hospital telling me that Brian was close to dying. They had phoned me as I was marked down as the next of kin, I told them that I was not and suggested that they phone Rodney who is Brian's step son.

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I had visited Brian the day before this phone call, this time he asked me to leave as he was very drowsy and was being given diamorphine . He was not his normal self at this time.

When I took the phone call from the hospital it was about 1000pm (2200). I believe it was Rodney who phoned me to tell me that Brian had died. I did not discuss his treatment nor the hospital staff with Brian on either of my visits.

Brian did have a social worker dealing with the rest home side of matters, I believe his name was Sean .

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