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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: LOGAN, ROBERT

Age if under 18: O. 21 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: DRIVER

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: R Logan

Date: 06/03/2005

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I am the eldest son of Robert Caldwell WILSON who was born in Paisley, Scotland. My father died at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I do not recall the date of either his birth or death.

My father had a sister called Maisie, two or possibly three half brothers and sisters. I do not know their names or if they are still alive. I never met my grandfather, my grandmother died in the late 1950's and I understand my grandfather died in the 1980's having lived a long life.

I am not aware of any family illness or history and we do in fact have a reputation of being long loved. My father was a fit and active who joined the Royal Navy at the start of World War II as a boy seaman. He saw active service all during war and remained with the service after the war.

In 1949 he met my mother, Molly, they married and started a family. I was born in 1951 followed by Gordon who sadly died, Lesley 1954, Keran 1955/6, Ian 1958, Tracey 1964, Neil my half brother 1962 then David who was born in 1969 and was adopted.

Dad left the Royal Navy in 1966 and went to work for the National Assistance Board and undertook other various jobs such as driving, running a chip shop, a milkman and a wood machinist. Dad never really adapted to civilian life he felt very bitter about having to leave the Navy.

Despite being a fit and active man dad was involved in the culture of drinking whilst in the Navy and it did remain with him after he left. I would say that towards the end of his life he

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was a borderline alcoholic. Dad smoked for years but quite late on he suddenly gave up.

In the early 1980's dad split up with mum but went on to marry Gill who he remained with for the rest of his life.

I probably saw my father once or twice a year, we were not the closest of families. I am not aware of any illness that dad had in the latter part of his life. I am not at all sure of the date, the month or the year but dad was found on the pavement close to home by a neighbour. He had sustained an impact injury to his shoulder. I do not know how this happened.

I think dad was taken to the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth. I do not know how long he was there for. I was not made aware of the fact that dad was in hospital as the hospital only told Gill who was away at the time.

The upshot is that I didn't see dad at the QA. At some stage dad was transferred to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital for I understood was recovery, I thought from there he would be going to a nursing home. However after a period at the GWMH, I was contacted by a family member to say that he was quite ill. I went to visit him at the GWMH, I don't recall what ward he was in but he had a private room.

All of the family had come to the hospital to see dad, he was not conscious and seemed poorly. He was able to respond when I held his hand but was clearly very heavily sedated and was unable to speak or open his eyes. I don't recall direct conversation with staff at the hospital.

I left the hospital in the evening and dad died later that day. I do recall that there was a drip in the room, I am not sure that dad was connected to it. He seemed very bloated when I saw him.

I did have concerns about dad's death his decline was so rapid and the death was unexpected.

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