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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: GREGORY, LUCI

Age if under 18: 0.18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: LOAN PROCESSOR

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: L Gregroy

Date: 02/06/2005

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. I am the wife of Dean GREGORY who I have known for seven years, since February 1998.

Dean was very close to his great grandmother, Sheila GREGORY . He would call her "Little Nan" and would visit her all the time. He would visit her during lunch breaks and after work. I would say he saw her most days. It was through Dean that I got to meet Sheila.

She was a lovely lady who knew her mind. When I first met her she was very independent and would walk into Gosport by herself. She had a large circle of friends and what I would describe as a good quality of life.

I don't recall the date but as a result of a fall Sheila was taken to Haslar Hospital . She had damaged her hip and underwent an operation. After the operation all seemed to be going quite well. She could walk with the aid of a walker and seemed to be getting better and quickly as one might hope.

I think Sheila was at Haslar for about five or six weeks. I would visit her with Dean and sometimes on my own. She seemed well cared for and I don't think anyone had any concerns about her welfare.

After Sheila left Haslar she was taken to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH). I don't recall the name of the ward. I thought she was going there very much as a half way house to help her to get stronger so she could move into a flat again. Everyone in the family expected

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her to be well enough to leave at the end of her stay.

At first I think Sheila was in a ward but at some stage she went into a private room, she was certainly moved a couple of times. I do recall Sheila stating she had some pain with her hip but it was something that was managed.

Whilst at the GWMH, Sheila had good days and bad days. I thought she was meant to be getting better but there were days when clearly she had not got out of bed. Her food would be left in the room, none of the staff would help her eat and there was a general lack of encouragement. This struck me as a common theme in the ward.

I do recall one old woman calling out for help to use the toilet. The staff just left her and it was clear she was very upset. I went over to the staff, who said,

"She is always like that". I found this very uncaring.

I don't remember how long Sheila was at the Gosport War Memorial before she died. I do recall Dean getting a call on a Friday to say she had taken a turn for the worse. Dean and me spent most of the weekend with Sheila. However she was very out of it and unable to speak. She seemed every drugged up. Before this weekend she had been very lucid.

I couldn't see anything wrong with Sheila, her hip seemed to be on the mend so there was no reason why she should be so drugged. The rest of the family felt the same. From the family Dean and his mother Pauline had most conversation with the nursing and hospital staff.

I think Sheila died on the Monday after the weekend. I don't know what her cause of death was. Nor do I recall her being ill with anything that could have caused her death.

Looking back her death was very sudden and unexplained. We all thought she would come out of the GWMH and move into a flat.

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