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

This statement (consisting of 2 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:

Date: 01/12/2005

I am the above named person and I live at the address shown overleaf. This statement is made with regard to brother-in-law, Geoffrey John Micheal PACKMAN , who was married to my sister Betty PACKMAN.

I first met Geoffrey when he was dating my sister. My sister is quite a bit older than me by thirteen years. Betty and Geoffrey went on to marry and adopted two children.

Geoffrey was an insurance assessor and he worked for various insurance companies including Zurich.

As a young man he was fit and healthy however as he got older he really began to put the weight on. He was only about 5'6" - 5'7" tall and he weighed in the region of twenty stone. He didn't smoke and was no more than what I would say was a normal social drinker.

I know that Geoffrey was warned about his eating and suffered horrific nose bleeds as a result of all the pressure that required him to go to hospital.

I always got on well with Geoffrey, he always looked after me when I saw him. However as my family lived in Yorkshire visits were rare.

I don't know the exact date but about a month prior to his death Geoffrey had a heart attack. At the time Betty was undergoing treatment for cancer so Geoffrey had quite a bit of stress in his life.

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However because of Geoffrey's size it really didn't come as that much of a surprise. Geoffrey was admitted to the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth, although I didn't see him whilst he was there I think Geoffrey was at the QA for about a week to ten days, when he was moved to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I didn't see Geoffrey at the GWMH as I was on standby to look after my sister and also I was acting as executor for Geoffrey. To that end I am not able to comment on the treatment Geoffrey received at either hospital. No one has ever expressed any concerns or worries. I know my sister found the female consultant somewhat unsure.

Signed:

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