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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: TANNER, MARTIN DEAN

Age if under 18: OVER 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: ASSISTANT AMBULANCEMAN

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: M Tanner

Date: 28/06/2000

I am the above named person and I reside at the address stated overleaf.

I am employed by Portsmouth and Hampshire Patient Transport Services , based at St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth , as an assistant ambulance man. I hold a first aid at work certificate and I am qualified to lift and handle high dependency patients.

I have been asked by  of the Hampshire Constabulary, to recall a patient transfer I was involved in with my crew mate, leading ambulance man Philip WARREN , on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1998 (17/8/1998), when a Mrs RICHARDS was transferred from Ward E3 at The Royal Naval Hospital Haslar , to Daedalus Ward at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital .

We are responsible for moving between 18 and 24 patients a day, five days a week.

I have moved such a large number of patients since the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1998 (17/8/1998) that I have no recollection of moving this particular individual.

I have been shown my work sheet for the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1998 (17/8/1998), which bears the identification reference PJW/1 and from this sheet I can state the following:-

Job number 16 for that day shows that we moved a patient called RICHARDS from Ward E3 at the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar to Daedalus Ward at the Gosport War memorial Hospital. The patient was collected at 1130 hrs and we arrived at Gosport at 1200 hrs. The work sheet also has S.T. alongside this job which indicates that this was a stretcher case. As I can not recall this particular patient I can only state the method normally used in stretcher cases, which is whereby a canvas sheet is placed under the patient. The ambulance crew then insert poles and stays to make the canvas rigid. In some cases a patch slide is used to transfer patients from bed onto the canvas, this involves inserting a smooth board under the patient and lower

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bed sheet and then sliding the patient sideways onto the canvas. This is the only method we would use to move a stretcher patient.

If any complications are experienced during a patient transfer they are noted on the work sheet, as there are no notes recorded on the work sheet, I would assume this was a straight forward transfer.

Signed: M Tanner  
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