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## **Burt, Ray**

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Dave,

Another go - correcting the mistakes!!

Ray.

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**Det Supt Williams** 

Dave,

## **Operation Rochester**

Since my retirement I have heard, occasionally, from both Gillian Mackenzie and Brian Livesley both of whom, you are probably aware, featured the investigation I was a party to, namely that involving the death of Gladys Richards. I have kept Mr Watts aware of this.

Both of these persons are clearly aware of the fact that I am no longer a police officer and, as from the time the case was passed to John, I have had no involvement in the ongoing investigation whatsoever. Neither have sought information *[Burt, Ray]* from me and it goes *[Burt, Ray]* without saying that I would not have yielded any information, in any event. Both appreciate that I am totally out of the loop - and appropriately so.

I mention this for two reasons. One is that I believe you are now responsible for the current investigation - and I simply wish to make you aware of the occasional contact. I don't feel inclined to shun either of them, if they contact me, because I do not believe that would be right, and there are no reasons for doing so, although I will not encourage it and hope that the contact withers naturally. This said, I sometimes think there is a further chapter or two in this saga yet to be played out.

The second reason relates to a letter I received, from Mrs Mackenzie, a few weeks ago, dated 30-07-04. I undertook to report any specific issues in the correspondence that might impact on the investigation and I thought I'd mention the following. I apologise for the delay, it has been rather hectic of late.

In her letter, Mrs Mackenzie writes:

" In haste - totally disillusioned! I cannot accept that you were aware of the incident at the Registrar's Office, death certificate etc and advised Lesley that it was not necessary to include it in her statement. Operation 'Rochester' advised me a couple of days ago there is no reference to it on file - no excuse I have been emphasising it for the past two years as Lesley has informed me she is getting on with life and has no intention of pressing the Police on this point. In desperation I have informed Meridean and Portsmouth News, plus the Coroner. I have informed Operation Rochester that I do not believe my sister for one second regarding your advice."

Mrs Mackenzie included a copy of your letter to her, dated 23-07-04, and a copy of the statement she made on the 27-04-99 to Peter Fuge (PSD) (on file).

Whilst I'm sure you will have me asked, if necessary, I do recall visiting the Registrar's Office at Fareham re this case and I'm sure there will be a reference to this in the papers. I cannot recall if there is a reference to it in the statement I took from Lesley (Lack) but I think it unlikely that I did not discuss it with her. Further, if it was omitted from the statement then I presume it was because I had an intention to deal with it in some other appropriate way, given that it was being suggested, by Mrs Mackenzie, that her sister (Lesley Lack) could have been more robust when giving information to [Burt, Ray] the Registrar [Burt, Ray] about the death. I do not believe I would have advised Lesley Lack to leave a relevant piece of information out of her statement - at that time I was intent on gathering all possible information and evidence about a case that I regarded as being potentially extremely serious. All avenues were being pursued, within the various constraints imposed at that time.

I have retained the material in question. I will send you a copy.

Regards.

Ray.

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23 July 2004

## Dear Mrs Mackenzie,

Thank you for your telephone calls of last week and today, your concerns have been noted.

In respect of your mother's case, it is necessary for myself and Steve Watts to have a meeting with our medical/legal advisors in London in order to review the case before a final decision can be made. Due to existing commitments the earliest that we can convene this meeting is mid-August. I will contact you soon after the meeting and update you on the situation.

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Yours sincerely,

Code A

David Williams Detective Superintendent



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