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Code A

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**FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST
DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT JOHN JAMES**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you, to lodge my formal complaint against Det. Sup. J. James and his handling of the investigation into my fathers death at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I contacted the police in April 2001 regarding my late fathers death, I spoke to Det. Sgt. [Code A] and expressed my concerns about his care and the manner of his death. I told Sgt. [Code A] that I was having a meeting with Lesley Humphrey and Jan Peach from the Portsmouth NHS trust, and it was agreed that should I not be happy with the hospitals explanation, then I should contact the police again and make a formal complaint.

I have tried on many occasions to contact the incident room and indeed Sgt [Code A] but have not been able get through to them.

At the beginning of 2002 I was telephoned by Det. Sup James who told me that he was nearing the end of his investigation and he was calling me to advise me what the outcome was likely to be, he then went on to explain that the investigation was coming to an end, that it was his decision, he said, that there was not a real chance of a successful prosecution against any doctor or nursing staff. He said he was arranging a meeting of other relatives, were he would explain his reasons in full and would I wish to attend. I told him that yes I would like to be present.

On the 13th Feb 2002 I received a letter stating that he had decided not to investigate further although he had decided to forward his investigation and that of the two medical experts, to the many governing bodies including The General Medical Council. He further stated in his letter that there were a number of other 'concerned parties' and he had arranged two alternative dates for us to attend. Upon receiving his letter I phoned his secretary and asked which date most people had opted for, I was told that it was about even across both days, I then arranged to attend on the Wednesday 20th Feb 2002.

When I arrived I was surprised to find only one other couple there, a couple I now know to be Mr & Mrs [Code A]. Det. Sup. James gave us his reasons for not pursuing the investigation, the main one seemed to be that the CPS would not accept the case because they felt that they could not secure a conviction, therefore it was his decision, not to submit his findings to the CPS. Considering Det. Sup. James's incompetent manner in handling

this investigation, I do not think that he is responsible or capable to make this decision. This decision certainly has not been taken on the strength of the evidence, I wonder does Det.Sup. James have a hidden agenda? My understanding is that this is just one of the criteria for referring a case and that in fact it should also be submitted if it in the public interest, which this case most certainly is.

At this meeting I was shocked to find out that in fact my fathers death was one of four that had been investigated fully by both the police and the medical experts this was the first I had been told of this, I now believe that my fathers medical records were obtained illegally by Dec.Sup.James, neither he, nor Hampshire police, have ever asked permission to obtain my fathers records from either myself or my fathers next of kin. I was also some what surprised that Det.Sup.James had exhausted his lines of enquiry but had failed to interview myself or any other member of my family.

Also, at this meeting I asked if it would be possible for us to have the names and address's of the other relatives, he said he had no problem so long as everybody agreed. I have since found out that he has told other relatives that I was not interested in pursuing this case and that all I wanted was an apology THIS IS A BLATANT LIE, Det.Sup. James was in no doubt about my feelings and my intentions.

Det.Sup. James then told me that there were things written in the report that the medical experts had written regarding my fathers death that he felt I should have access to, he told us that he would do his utmost to help us get copies of the report, he then asked me to stay behind after the meeting had ended, he said he had matters concerning the report and his investigation that he wished to discuss further, I now believe this was a deliberate ploy to stop myself and [Code A] from meeting outside of his office.

We are now expected to accept that the police investigation is over, this I do not accept, I do not believe that a full and complete investigation has taken place and I feel that Det.Sup. James has not only failed us, but has failed his rank and his force.

I now believe having met and spoken to others in this same situation, that Det.Sup. James has not only constantly lied to us but has also misled us all. I believe this has been done by him to pervert the course of justice.

I believe that he has proved that he is incompetent to conduct this investigation and also I believe that considering his rank and his inadequate handling of this case, this constitutes a gross negligence of his duties.

I believe having now had contact with other relatives that there is a clear case of systematic unlawful killing that went on at the Gosport War Memorial, I also believe that the police are very much aware of this and, of the people responsible. This so called investigation has been a farce and complete cover up.

I believe that my father was unlawfully killed by the administration of drugs whilst in the War Memorial and under the care of Dr Jane Barton, and I want this matter fully investigated and charges brought against all those responsible for the unlawful killing of my father.

I believe that Det.Sup. James has constantly lied to and misled us through out the whole course of this investigation, I believe that he should be fully investigated by an independent body and there findings should be made public, I further believe that should the findings of that investigation be supportive of my allegations, then criminal charges must be brought against Det.Sup. James.

I believe that you must now take control of this matter and immediately order that this investigation is reopened, I believe that there could be many more deaths that also need to be fully investigated and believe that it is your duty to proceed with the investigation. My understanding is that the police are there to protect the innocent victim, MY FATHER WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM. We foolishly trusted the doctors and nurses treating my father, we did not believe that we had any reason to doubt their integrity, that trust has been shattered by what I have been told and so therefore it is now your duty to investigate and bring charges against those that are guilty of these killings.

We have been told that we don't need to worry we have not got a Dr Shipman here, that's absolutely right he is

locked up were murderers should be, what we have is a Dr Jane Barton, and if the police hide their findings from us, investigate in secrecy, withhold evidence and lie and misled us then what are we to think?

It has been said that this is a matter of policy and a code of practice that has been going on for years, wholesale murder as a code of practice!!! on this point I have decided to ask the P M if indeed it is one of his codes of practice, and have therefore, sent him a copy of this formal complaint.

I believe that as the Chief Constable of Hampshire you are personally responsible for the conduct of all your officer's, therefore I hold you personally responsible for this cover up. I believe that you should now take personal control of this investigation through to its conclusion, failing which, I do not think you are responsible to hold the position of Chief Constable and should consider other options

I have sent this letter by recorded delivery, I do not want this complaint lost or mislaid. It will be posted on Monday 19th May 2002, I would ask that you acknowledge receipt within 72 hours failing which it will be my intention to contact every national newspaper to run as an open letter to you.

My next course of action is that on Tuesday 20th May 2002, I will report the unlawful killing of my father at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, whilst under the care of Dr JANE BARTON & GILL HAMBLIN, to Gosport police and ask them to investigate his murder.

I have also today written directly to the force solicitor, Mr M Woodford, asking that he immediately release all details regarding the expert reports and my fathers death.

Chief Constable I will not shut up and I will not go away, not until I have the full truth with regards my fathers death, and those that are responsible for his death and the subsequent cover ups have been brought to justice.

My Dad died, I've grieved, but for us this nightmare never ends, I need to know the details of my Dads death I believe that the mixture of drugs that were forced into him would have caused him a horrible death, the people responsible must now pay for their actions.

I look forward to your early reply.

Yours Sincerely

Code A

c.c. Tony Blair PM
Peter Viggers MP
David Blunkett MP
Iain Duncan Smith MP