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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: **Code A**

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

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.

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Date: 29/04/2003

I am the above named person and I reside at an address known to Hampshire Police.

From December 1990 to June 1991 I worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital as a domestic assistant. I worked on both the male and female ward but as a domestic assistant I had very little to do with patient care and dealt mainly with meals and cleaning.

From June 1991 to 31st August 1991 (31/08/1991) I worked as a nursing auxiliary at the Redcliffe Annexe which comes under the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. This was the first time I had worked as a nursing auxiliary and I was very inexperienced. I felt that the general patient care of the annexe was average to good. All the patients of the annexe were elderly, some would later move on to a nursing home but all the patients were going to be there long term.

I cannot specifically remember seeing a syringe driver being used at the annexe but that does not mean that they were not used, just that I cannot remember.

The main doctor that visited was Dr Jane BARTON. I do not think she came to the annexe daily but certainly attended frequently. Dr BARTON would do the rounds and I would be present with trained nursing staff. I can remember on one occasion there was an elderly patient called Marjorie at the annexe. She had been sat up in bed, quite well for her age. Marjorie was still eating and I had helped her with her porridge not long before. I heard Dr BARTON mention diamorphine in relation to Marjorie. I was not too sure what diamorphine was so did not say anything but looked it up in my medical dictionary when I got home. I found that it was

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heroin, an extremely strong painkiller and can be used when patients are on deaths door to assist them to pass away without pain.

I thought that this was very strange as Marjorie did not appear to be on deaths door or in pain.

I returned to work a couple of days later and found that Marjorie was comatosed and within the next couple of days she died. I was concerned about this and spoke to Staff Nurse Carole BALL who I used to go to for advice. Staff Nurse BALL told me that she was not happy with the way that diamorphine had been used, not only in this case but others as well. Staff Nurse BALL said that diamorphine had been used for catheterisation. I did not make an official complaint though.

Other occasions followed when Dr BARTON would mention diamorphine for a patient and the patient would die within the week. It got to the stage that every time Dr BARTON came to the annexe I would think to myself "who's going to die now".

I would like to add that I had no nursing qualifications and was very inexperienced as a nursing auxiliary. My feelings about the use of diamorphine were exact that, feelings. This was the reason that I did not take matters any further as I did not think I was in a position to.

My only knowledge of a police investigation is what I have seen on the news and I was not surprised to see that Dr BARTON's name was mentioned in the paper.

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