

DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

"Child presented with otitis media and persistent glands in neck – review if doesn't settle – query for bloods – Prescription for Penicillin Elixir given"

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2003

On 23rd December 2003 Andrea [REDACTED] contacted police to say that she had received a threatening letter. This letter, purported to have been sent by the Loyalist Volunteer Force in Portadown, threatened her if she went ahead to give evidence in the case. This letter was recovered by the local police and was returned to the PSNI for investigation

Enquiries made at the Northern Ireland Mail Centre at Mallusk identified that the letter was first processed by the Royal Mail between 0030hrs and 0059hrs on the 20th December 2003. The automation performance engineer concluded from this information that it was probable that the letter was posted in Northern Ireland on 19th December. It is not possible to state where exactly in Northern Ireland the letter would have been posted. The letter has been scientifically examined. A number of Fingerprints have been recovered from the letter and from the inside and outside of the envelope. To date these remain unidentified.

STATEMENTS RECEIVED FROM DOCTOR BARKER

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 24th December 2003: -

Confirms that he treated the child on 1st December 2003 for an ear infection with the possibility of mumps.

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 30th December 2003: -

Confirms that he had a house visit to the child on 11th December 2003 and prescribed antibiotics for an ear infection and possible mumps. No records could be found at Strathmore surgery in relation to this home visit. (Andrea [REDACTED] insisted that this visit had taken place.)

TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2003

Police contacted Andrea [REDACTED] in relation to the medical treatment received by her son. She stated that [REDACTED] had called at her home on the evening of 11th December 2003 and had prescribed antibiotics and nose drops. She also stated that on Friday 19th December 2003 she had telephoned the Pendine Park out of hours clinic at night because of the child's high temperature. She states that she was told to give him Calpol and to phone back in half an hour. She did this and as the child's temperature had not come down she and her partner had taken the child to Pendine Park clinic where they saw a lady Doctor.

STATEMENT OF DOCTOR BATES DATED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 31st December 2003: -

States that he searched records at Pendine Park out of hours surgery for the periods 6pm on 19th December 2003 until 8am on 20th December 2003 and could find no record of calls from an Andrea [REDACTED] on behalf of her son [REDACTED]