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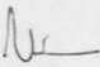
STATEMENT OF DR VARAVOOR KAPLINGHAT NARAYANAN UNNI

DATED THIS 1 DAY OF NOV 2006

1. I, DR VARAVOOR KAPLINGHAT NARAYANAN UNNI, of an address known to the Robert Hamill Inquiry, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
2. In April 1997, I was a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Victoria Hospital ("RVH"). I worked mostly with neurological patients so technically I was a neuro-anaesthetist. I was usually assigned to the neurosurgical patients coming for surgery. I would see them pre-operatively and post-operatively and if the neurosurgeon wanted me to, I would see them on the ward and help with their post-operative management.
3. I first became involved in the care of Robert Hamill shortly before he died on 8 May 1997. I take this from the notes as I do not recall specifically treating this patient. According to those notes (p38608-38609) I was asked to go from the meeting room urgently because the patient was cyanosed, he was almost black in colour and had collapsed which means I couldn't see any vein or anything. On arrival, I passed a tube into his windpipe and connected it to the ventilator for him to breathe. Then cardiopulmonary resuscitation commenced, which is external cardiac massage. I tried to put a central line into his heart three times but it failed. Cardiac arrest was recorded at 1540 and cardiac massage was called off at 1610. A copy of my notes is now produced and shown to me marked "VKNU1".
4. I don't know whether Mr Hamill was seen by any other anaesthetist but I think he would have been as the Intensive care Unit is run by the anaesthetic department.

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5. I can't assist in respect of any other matters. I do not recall treating Mr Hamill and have relied solely on my notes. If I had any involvement other than outlined above I expect it to have been referred to in notes. There are no other notes so far as I'm aware which refer to me.

SIGNED: DR V. K. N. hanni 

DATED: 1 NOV 2006