

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JASH PATEL

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I declare that this statement consisting of 1 pages, 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 at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall 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.

Dated this 30 day of October 1997

MICHAEL IRWIN
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

J PATEL
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Re: Robert Hamill (deceased), DOB: 12/09/71

I am a Neurosurgical Registrar at the Regional Neurosurgical Unit (Wards 39 and 40) of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast and have the qualifications FRCS and MD. I was asked to see the above named when on Ward 39 on 8 May 1997 at approximately 1530 hours. When I saw the patient he was pale, there was no recordable blood pressure and his temperature was 42 degrees celsius. There was marked perspiration noted. His pupils were equal at 2 mm and reacting. The respiratory movements were very shallow and it appeared that he had a respiratory arrest. The peripheral pulses were palpable. Resuscitation was immediately commenced and the assistance of Dr V K Unni, Consultant Neuroanaesthetist who was also on the ward was requested. At that same time the cardiac arrest team were called for and arrived soon after this. Dr Unni intubated and ventilated the patient. Attempts at inserting central and peripheral lines were made. Gelofusine was infused and in spite of this after 5 minutes there was still an unrecordable blood pressure. Mr Hamill was noted to be in cardiac arrest and cardiac massage was commenced. The arrest team had instituted adrenaline, sodium bicarbonate, calcium chloride and

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atropine. Venous blood samples included arterial blood gases and also CPK to look for neuroleptic malignant syndrome. He had DC conversion on 2 occasions. His pupils were noted to be fixed and dilated after 20 minutes. The clinical problem was discussed with Mr Fannin and Mr Gray, Consultant Neurosurgeon, who were present. It was decided that resuscitation should be discontinued. The family were distraught and in view of this, formal certification of death was left until later. I reviewed the patient at 1700 hours and pronounced life extinct at 1703 hours on 8 May 1997. Thereafter I discussed the case with [REDACTED] the Deputy Coroner.

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