

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF GAVIN GERARD LAVERY

AGE OF WITNESS[If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : OVER 21

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 15 day of September 1997

MICHAEL IRWIN
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

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

I am a Consultant in Intensive Care and Anaesthetist at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Robert Hamill was admitted to the Regional Intensive Care Unit (RICU) at 0630 hours on 27 April 1997 having been transferred from Craigavon Area Hospital. He apparently had sustained a closed head injury a few hours earlier. He had been intubated and mechanically ventilated prior to his departure from Craigavon Hospital. His blood alcohol level was measured at 221 mg% in Craigavon. At 0800 hours on 27 April 1997 he was transferred from RICU to the CT scanner. The scan showed no structural brain injury and no cervical spine injury. By 1100 hours it was decided to discontinue sedation and paralysis and remove the rigid cervical collar. By 1800 hours the patient was making some purposeful movements, moving all limbs, flexing to painful stimuli, but was significantly agitated. By this point the patient was breathing spontaneously and had been extubated. On the morning of 27 April 1997 the patient was still agitated, attempting to get out of bed and requiring sedation. By the morning of 29 April 1997 this agitation had resolved somewhat, although the patient's neurological status

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suggested significant hypoxic damage (probably acquired at the time of injury). He was transferred for further care to the neurosurgical unit on 29 April 1997. At that time he had an intact airway, was well oxygenated, tolerating nasogastric feeds and had normal cardiovascular and renal function. He's still required some sedation to control his agitation and had a Glasgow Coma Scale of 7-8/15. I had no further involvement in Mr Hamill's clinical care.

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GAVIN LAVERY

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED

