

CORONERS ACT (Northern Ireland), 1959

Deposition of Witness taken on _____ the _____ day
of _____ (month), _____ (year), at inquest touching the death of
CONOR EDWARD JOHN MITHCELL, before me MR J LECKEY LL.M
Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST

as follows to wit: -

The Deposition of IAN RENNIE
of c/o Bostock House, Royal Group of Hospitals, Grosvenor Road, Belfast (Address)
who being sworn upon his _____ oath, saith

I am a registered medical practitioner currently working as a specialist registrar in neuroradiology. I was contacted by the paediatric team at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children on Saturday 10th May 2003 asking for a review opinion on Conor Mitchell's recent imaging. A clinical history was provided verbally at the time of my radiology report. I was able to view the CT scans from Craigavon Hospital and those from the Royal Hospitals. Previous scans were not available at that time. A report of my opinion was placed in the patient's notes and I was also able to discuss the case with Dr Elaine Hicks directly at this time. My report states: There is diffuse swelling of the brain with obliteration of the 4th ventricle and basal cisterns. There is also loss of differentiation between grey and white matter in the frontal, temporal and parietal lobes. The cerebellum is spared. A large left sided porencephalic cyst and other changes on the left side all longstanding in nature. I concluded that there was diffuse oedema of the brain and brainstem suggestive of infarction but the cause was not apparent. The following verbal discussion with Dr Hicks also concluded that there was no evidence of Sub arachnoid haemorrhage or other acute intracranial haemorrhage. At this stage myself and Dr Hicks agreed that further imaging would not alter management.

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