

# STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: MARGARET HARRISON

Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 18 enter "over 18"): OVER 18

*To be completed  
when the statement  
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 12th day of SEPTEMBER 2005

**H W Crutchley**

**M Harrison**

**SIGNATURE OF MEMBER** by whom  
statement was recorded or received

**SIGNATURE OF WITNESS**

**H W CRUTCHLEY**

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am the Godmother of Raychel Zara Ferguson who died in hospital on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2001. I am employed as a waitress and I live at an address known to the police. Raychel had been in Altnagelvin Hospital for an appendix operation and I went to see her in hospital between 3pm and 4pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2001. I went in to the ward to see her and found her sitting in a chair at the side of her bed. I noticed there was a drip line attached. When I went in I spoke to her and asked how she was. She just looked at me but never spoke. I chatted on to her about everything and anything to try to get a response. She just sat there and made no response at all. This was most unlike Raychel because she was normally a very outgoing, chatty child. I had only been there for five minutes or so when Raychel got up from her chair, took hold of the stand holding the drip and she then got up onto her bed. She did not get into bed but simply sat on top of it with her back to the pillows. She seemed to move quite freely and not in any great pain. I remember thinking that if that had been me after an operation I would not have been able to move so freely. I sat on for a while and continued to chat to her. All the time she never spoke. I knew it was strange but I put it down to the effects of the anaesthetic that she was not talking. It definitely was most unlike Raychel not to talk. I knew Raychel well, being down at her house once or twice a fortnight.

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During the time I was there, none of the medical staff, either doctors or nurses, came near Raychel. All the time she just looked at me but made no attempt to speak. At about twenty to four, I decided to leave. I told her I would see her tomorrow but she did not even acknowledge that either. That was the last time I saw her. There were other parents and visitors there with other children in the ward but I did not have any conversation with them.

Certified to be a true copy of an original signed document.



**SIGNATURE OF WITNESS** M Harrison

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