

# STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF:

Teresa McCULLAGH

Name

Rank

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

*To be completed  
when the statement  
has been written*

I declare that this statement consisting of 3 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005

H W Crutchley

Mrs Teresa McCullagh

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

**SIGNATURE OF WITNESS**

**H W CRUTCHLEY**

PRINT NAME IN CAPS

I am a housewife and live at an address known to the police. In June 2001 my husband's brother was in Altnagelvin Hospital. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June my husband and I had planned to go to the hospital to see him. That afternoon, my daughter Sarah came in from school. She told me that her best friend, Raychel Ferguson was also in hospital. She said she had been taken in to hospital on Thursday to have her appendix out. Sarah persisted that we take her to the hospital with us to see Raychel. We agreed to take her, planning to go in to see Raychel for just five minutes. When we got to the hospital my husband went on up to visit his brother. Sarah and I went in to the shop at the hospital, where Sarah bought a tape and a magazine to bring up to Raychel. We went up to the ward to see Raychel. We arrived in her ward some time between 6.30pm and 7pm. When we went in to the ward Raychel was lying on the bed, on top of the bed clothes. I did not notice a drip line attached. Raychel's mother, Marie was also there. Her father was sitting down at the bottom of the bed and a little girl, who I learned was Raychel's best friend from her street was also there. I could see that Raychel looked very ill and I spoke to Mrs Ferguson, saying I hoped we had not come at a bad time. She said, "No" and thanked us for coming. Sarah went up to the bed and Marie said, "Look Raychel, here's Sarah to see you." Sarah

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left the present on the side of the bed. Raychel did not speak at all. She just seemed to be that sick and was not in any form for anybody. I knew Raychel and knew that was not like her. She was very restless and fidgety, - very unsettled. Raychel's mother tried to persuade her to talk but she did not respond in any way. Raychel turned from one side to the other and at one stage I even said to her, "Raychel, don't turn on to that side or you might hurt your wound." She did not even seem to hear me. Marie told me that Raychel had been very sick, - vomiting. I said that that happens some times to children after an anaesthetic. She was not sick while I was there. There were other children and their visitors in the ward but I did not really take any notice of them. Sarah tried to talk to Raychel also but even then there was no response from Raychel. After about 10 to 15 minutes I decided we would have to leave. I knew Raychel was not well and thought it would be better to leave her with her mother and father. I told them we were going up to visit my brother-in-law and that we would come back tomorrow when Raychel was feeling a little better. Just before I left I leaned over to Raychel and said, as a joke, "You are a crafty wee thing. You planned this to get off school early," or words to that effect. Normally Raychel would have grinned at this but she did not react in any way. While I was present, none of the nurses or doctors attended Raychel.

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