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CORONERS CERTIFICATE

To be sent to the Registrar within FIVE DAYS after the Inquest.

To the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the District of LONDONDERRY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at an Inquest held at OLD TOWNHALL BUILDING, 80 VICTORIA STREET, BELFAST. on TUESDAY the 26TH day of NOVEMBER 2002 before me Mr J L Leckey, HM Coroner for the District of GREATER BELFAST touching the death of RACHEL FERGUSON.

I found as follows:

RACHEL ZARA

1. Name and Surname: RACHEL FERGUSON

2. Sex: FEMALE

3. Date of Death: 10 June 2001

Found Dead On:

Belfast

4. Place of Death: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL

for Sick Children

5. Usual address (if different from place of death):

6. Marital Status: SINGLE

7. Date and Place of Birth: 4th February 1992, LONDONDERRY

8. Occupation: N/A

9. Maiden Surname (of woman who had married): N/A

10. Cause of Death: 1(a) CEREBRAL OEDEMA

(b) Hyponatraemia

11. Findings:

On 7th June 2001 the deceased was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital complaining of sudden onset, acute abdominal pain. Appendicitis was diagnosed & she underwent an appendectomy the same day. Post-operatively initially, her recovery proceeded normally. However, the following day she vomited on a number of occasions & on the 9th complained of a headache. Witness my hand this 26TH day of NOVEMBER 2002

Signature

Coroner for GREATER BELFAST

The next day, 9th June, she suffered a series of tonic seizures necessitating her transfer to the Intensive Care Unit of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children where she died the following day. A subsequent post-mortem examination established that she died from cerebral oedema caused by hyponatraemia. The hyponatraemia was caused by a combination of inadequate electrolyte replacement in the face of severe post-operative vomiting & water retention resulting from the inappropriate secretion of ADH (Antidiuretic Hormone).