

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SUMMARY OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW

TAPE REF NO:	PERSON INTERVIEWED:	BRIDGET GERALDINE MARY SWIFT
LDV 37/05	ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
Master Tape	DOB:	[REDACTED]
Seal Number(s):	PLACE OF INTERVIEW:	PSNI, ENNISKILLEN
T112322A	DATE OF INTERVIEW:	03/03/2005
	TIME COMMENCED: 1729 HOURS	TIME TERMINATED: 1740 HOURS
	INTERVIEWING OFFICERS:	OTHER PERSON(S) PRESENT:
	1 D/SERGEANT CROSS, CARE UNIT, ENNISKILLEN	1 [REDACTED] SOLICITOR
	2 D/CONSTABLE R HALL, CARE UNIT, ENNISKILLEN	2
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MADE BY: D/SERGEANT CROSS

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D/Sgt Cross: Eh it's 1729 and we'll continue the interview. If I could just remind you again nurse that you are still under caution and would ask you to confirm that we didn't ask any questions in relation to this while the tape was off?

Bridget Swift: That's correct yeah...

D/Sgt Cross: I have shown you, nurse, Doctor O'Donohoe's record...are adamant in your mind that he said a 100 mls every hour until urine is passed?

Bridget Swift: A 100 mls per hour until she passes urine.

D/Sgt Cross: Right, and he has recorded something entirely different.

Bridget Swift: So I see yeah.

D/Sgt Cross: Why do you think that confusion exists?

Bridget Swift: I can't answer that, I don't know.

D/Sgt Cross: And he has made that same fluid prescription for other children in your experience?

Bridget Swift: Yeah, yeah

Solicitor: Just to be clear there you are saying that 100 mls wasn't unusual. 100 mls until urine is passed wasn't unusual?

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Bridget Swift: The 100 mls

Solicitor: Appreciate that you're hearing this second hand.

Bridget Swift: Yeah the number 18 and 100 mls was not unusual. A 100 mls is not a great deal until she passes urine is again not unusual.

D/Sgt Cross: And that's 100 mls per hour?

Bridget Swift: Per hour, yeah that's the way it's written.

D/Sgt Cross: Until urine yes and it's not unusual. Was there any talk on the ward afterwards about your recollection differing so radically from his record?

Bridget Swift: Though, from again from what I can remember there was no talk on the ward until the day we had the meeting with the Board with the Trust Solicitor and Barrister. Where we were called to a meeting and the Barrister obviously came to me first and I stated until she pass, until she piddled was my exact word. And he says I don't speak like that.

D/Sgt Cross: The Barrister said?

Bridget Swift: No Doctor O'Donohoe said, I don't speak like that.

Solicitor: You were all in the same room?

Bridget Swift: We were all in the same room. The nursing staff, Doctor O'Donohoe, Doctor Auterson, Mrs Millar, the Barrister and he read my statement and I just told him what I've told you all along and Doctor O'Donohoe spoke up and he says I don't speak like that.

D/Sgt Cross: What is Mrs Millar's role in it?

Bridget Swift: Eh what's her title now, it's gone, Clinical Services.

Solicitor: Clinical Services Manager.

D/Sgt Cross: Where does she come in because was she at the Inquest. She didn't give evidence did she?

Bridget Swift: No she was there but she didn't give evidence.

D/Sgt Cross: Right, right, well what contact has she had with you, if any, then in relation to this?

Bridget Swift: In the beginning prior to the Coroner's court quite a lot of input, meetings, upon meetings, after the Coroner's Inquest basically nothing.

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D/Sgt Cross: Ok, ok. Well, nurse, to go back to what Doctor O'Donohoe said, did he say until she piddled is that what he said, or is that your speaking?

Bridget Swift: That's my, that's my and he says he doesn't speak like that.

D/Sgt Cross: Ok, but if that wasn't his word you are convinced that he said until urine was passed?

Bridget Swift: Yeah.

D/Sgt Cross: Ok well were you surprised to discover what he wrote? I mean how did you feel. You say exactly how you feel?

Bridget Swift: I, I was angry very angry... I know from what I can remember at the Coroner's Court, the Coroner said you can't rewrite history...

D/Sgt Cross: That was said, I think actually it might have been Doctor Dewi Evans said that.

Bridget Swift: I know somebody said it.

D/Sgt Cross: What Doctor O'Donohoe wrote was an attempt to rewrite history. I think it was Evans who was the consultant for the family.

Bridget Swift: Right well I know somebody said it. That was my feeling; I got angry because why is he making me out to be a liar. I'm not a liar. I couldn't tell a lie to save my life, because I wouldn't remember what I said in the first place, you know so I don't do it and it's so vivid in my head, I, I could take you to our treatment room and put you exactly where he was standing and where I was standing. It's vivid in my head.

D/Sgt Cross: Well when was the first time you were made aware of what Doctor O'Donohoe wrote?

Bridget Swift: Gosh it would have been years down the line. I think it would have been years down the line.

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D/Sgt Cross: You see looking at it from my point of view, Nurse... I find that almost impossible to believe. Because, I'm not saying you're telling me lies, now but my difficulty is this: the Trust did a review into why something went wrong with Lucy. It appears to everybody else that what went wrong was she was given too much of the wrong fluid... that's what came out at the Inquest and that's recorded on the Coroner's certificate. And... O'Donohoe is saying, No, she should have got a 100 plus 30 30 30, but you didn't give her that and nobody from the Trust came and asked you why is your recollection different to O'Donohoe's record. Is that true?

Bridget Swift: That's true.

D/Sgt Cross: They never came and asked you that?

Bridget Swift: Not till this day.

D/Sgt Cross: It doesn't say much about their attempt to review it. I mean that's why I find it almost impossible to believe if that's what they did they made no attempt to find out what went wrong, or a very... poor attempt. But you're adamant you were not interviewed in relation to that?

Bridget Swift: No I was not.

D/Sgt Cross: And it was never told to you that you made a shocking mistake because O'Donohoe told you 30 mls after one hour?

Bridget Swift: No. Nothing.

D/Sgt Cross: And are you sure you're not telling me a lie now to save your own position?

Bridget Swift: I don't tell lies.

D/Sgt Cross: Right.

Bridget Swift: I'm sorry I don't tell lies.

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D/Sgt Cross: Well nurse I'd have to put to you now, at the Inquest, I sat through the inquest, you did say in the inquest, remember Mae Crawford made an issue about what discussions were going on between Malik and you about holidays etc. And you said that you never discussed your private affairs at work. Is that true?

Bridget Cross: Yes ah ha.

Solicitor: I would just be concerned that we are going to start rerunning the evidence from the Coroner's Inquest that was given under a particular set of circumstances, cross-examination. Under these particular set of circumstances I would be reluctant, in fact I would be advising if it continues in this line and that we are not going to rehearse that evidence.

D/Sgt Cross: Yeah, well fair enough you can advise your client not to answer, but I do think I mean there was no immunity granted as to what was said then. And there was one comment I mean, I didn't think you were telling the truth at that point, now that's only my opinion.

Solicitor: I think that we are getting away.

D/Sgt Cross: No, I appreciate that, I'm entitled to put it to you, because you have said you don't tell lies and I thought when you said I never discuss my private life, I don't know anybody that ever I have worked with who didn't. You know what I mean. I think it was a perfectly normal thing Mae Crawford was saying. And I thought you were stretching the truth, is that the case?

Bridget Swift: In my recollection I do not remember speaking to Doctor Malik about my holidays before, after or any other time. My hand on my heart I can't honestly, it's not in my character to go in and discuss, my private life is at the back door and I will collect it on my way out. The same as my trouble in the hospital is at the back door I'll collect it when I come back, I don't take it home with me. They're one of my rules.

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D/Sgt Cross: Fair enough, well there is really nothing else I want to ask you about this. Suffice to say the crux of this whole issue is what O'Donohoe told you and what you did in relation to it do you accept that?

Bridget Swift: Yes ah ha.

D/Sgt Cross: Right, is there anything else I mean is there anything else you want to say in relation to that?

Bridget Swift: I honestly can't think of anything else I want to say I.

D/Sgt Cross: Right, well, Nurse, in what happened afterwards in relation to this review that Mr Fee did contact you about to a limited degree, has anybody attempted to influence you in relation to what you said at the Inquest or what you didn't say?

Bridget Swift: No.

D/Sgt Cross: That's ok. Rosemary is there anything else you want to do. Nurse, is there anything you want to say at all because I intend to finish you know. Is there anything you want to say anything you want to ask me?

Bridget Swift: I, at this stage I can't think of anything.

D/Sgt Cross: Right, if you do feel free to talk to Mr McQuillan and he will contact me you know and we would have a slight difficulty in talking to you directly thereafter, you know after this so we are better to talk through Mr McQuillan so that he knows what we are discussing. Is there anything you want to add Mr McQuillan or anything you want clarified?

Solicitor: No.

PACE 21 served and interview terminated at 1740 hours.