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PRELIMINARY POST MORTEM REPORT

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, s.9; M.C. Act, 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2010, Rule 27.2)

Statement of *Dr Benjamin Swift MB ChB MD FRCPATH(Forensic) MFFLM*

Age of Witness (Date of Birth) *Over 18*

Occupation of Witness *Consultant Forensic Pathologist*

Address *Forensic Pathology Services, DPA*

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Name of Deceased: Daniel WHITWORTH CSM: Neil Gallagher
Our Ref: 14-S-0528 CAD Ref: Path/182/2014

Place of Examination: Queen's Hospital, Romford

Date / Time of Examination: 23.09.2014 between 11:35 and 13:55 hours

This statement, consisting of 2 pages 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, 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.

I confirm that I have read guidance contained in a booklet known as 'Disclosure: Expert's evidence and unused material' which details my role and documents my responsibilities, in relation to revelation as an expert witness. I have followed the guidance and recognise the continuing nature of my responsibilities of revelation.

I understand that I owe an overriding duty to the Court to provide independent assistance, to the Court, by way of unbiased opinion in relation to the matters within my expertise and that such advice must be uninfluenced by the exigencies of the case. I have complied with, and will continue to comply with, my duty to the Court.

Dated

24 September 2014

Signed.....

Signature

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I certify that no cardiac pacemaker or radioactive implant remains in the body.

I give as the provisional cause of death:

1a. Pending Further Investigations

Additional Comments (if appropriate)

The deceased was found dead in a churchyard on the 20th September 2014 by a member of the public. A handwritten note was found in his hand indicating regret and that he had taken "sleeping pills" and "G".

Post mortem examination identified the presence of bruising to both armpits and the front of the chest. Petechiae were present around both eyes and bruising was documented within the muscles of the neck, though there was no fracturing of the hyoid bone or laryngeal cartilages. There were no fingernail abrasions or fingertip bruises.

The results of additional analyses are awaited.

Timescales: If the case is to be the subject of a Coroner's Inquest, at least one month's notice is required prior to the inquest to allow collation of data, and finalisation of report. For cases to be the subject of a Crown Court trial, please update the office asap as to the court's timetable.

The following information / investigations are required prior to completion of my statement and / or ascertaining a cause of death.

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Photography:	PM	Yes required (disk)
	Scene	Yes required (disk)
Toxicology	Yes required (Police)	Fax report to: 01235 773330
Neuropathology:	Not required	If the brain has been exhibited, it must be taken by the police to Dr Al-Sarraj at King's College Hospital. The brain should be allowed to fix for a minimum of two weeks before transport. Expect a delay of c. 3 months for the report.
Histopathology:	Yes required	Collection of samples from the mortuary will be organised by FPS
Other	None	

Please note that this is a provisional report only. The results of further tests are awaited and may affect the conclusions in the final report.

Dated

24 September 2014

Signed.....

Signature

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