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Witness Statement

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9, Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

Statement of	Denise STANWORTH BSc (Hons)
Age	Over 18
Occupation	Forensic Scientist

with

LGC Forensics (a division of LGC limited)
Culham Science Centre, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3ED

This statement, consisting of 9 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, 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 the 10th day of September 2014

Signature: Signature.....

Qualifications and Experience

I am a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in physiology and biochemistry. I was employed for over 16 years by the Home Office Forensic Science Service as a forensic scientist specialising in the analysis of body fluids and other materials for the presence of alcohol, drugs and poisons. The analyses were commissioned mainly by police forces and H M Coroners. While in the Forensic Science Service I was designated an Authorised Analyst under the provisions of Section 16 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988. Since September 1998 I have been employed by Forensic Alliance Limited, now LGC Forensics, in a similar capacity.

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Information

I understand that at 04:00 hours on 19 June 2014, Anthony Patrick Walgate was found dead outside a block of flats in Cooke Street, Barking, Essex. I have been informed that Mr Walgate had taken a quantity of 'poppers' that evening and had then engaged in consensual sexual intercourse with another man before vomiting and apparently going to sleep. The occupant of the premises had later moved Mr Walgate from inside his flat to the street before calling the emergency services.

Receipt of Items

On 17 July 2014 the following sealed items were received at LGC Forensics from the Metropolitan Police Service:

Taken from Anthony Patrick Walgate at a post-mortem examination on 20/06/14

OJB/20	(Bag no. MPSB20865775)	Urine preserved
OJB/21	(Bag no. MPSB20865774)	Blood (plain)
OJB/22	(Bag no. MPSB20865773)	Blood (preserved)
OJB/23	(Bag no. MPSC37172314)	Vitreous humour

From Cooke Road, Barking on 23/06/14

DGP/17	(Bag no. MPSC36220338)	One (1) brown bottle containing liquid
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Request

I have been asked to analyse the items from Mr Walgate for alcohol and any substances that might have contributed to his death, I have also been asked to identify the contents of the bottle and to comment on whether or not such a substances could potentially cause death.

Use of Assistants

In undertaking the work connected with this case, I was assisted by other trained members of staff. Their involvement is described in the accompanying examination record to which I have assigned the item number DS/1, and I have taken their contributions into account when preparing this statement. A full record of this work is available at the laboratory.

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