

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

Sensitive/Irrelevant

THE QUEEN on the application of
D1851

Claimant

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Defendant

STATEMENT OF D390

1. I, D390 make this statement in support of D1851's unlawful detention claim. I know the facts herein to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I was detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre. I was detained in a cell with D1851. We were together for around a month and a half. During this time I am able to confirm that I saw a consistent and regular deterioration in D1851's physical health as well as his mental health. I am able to confirm that he frequently, if not on a daily basis, would struggle to sleep. He would often show me his bed sheets which would be soaked in sweat as a result of cold sweats whilst he was sleeping. He cried on many occasions and I also noticed that he became more withdrawn and reclusive as time went on. I am also able to confirm that on one occasion I had taken anti-depressant medication and I went to sleep. Upon waking up in the morning D1851 informed me that I had an episode in which I was hitting the walls and my speech was slurred. I am able to confirm that the anti-depressant medication did have an effect on me in that I had slurred speech, I would have headaches or I would be forgetful. Whilst I have no recollection of this particular event, I am able to confirm D1851 did talk about it the next morning.
3. Whilst I was detained I was mistreated by the members of staff at Brook House.
4. On one occasion, I was forcefully removed from Brook House and taken to Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre. I had applied for bail on this day and at

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around 5pm I was removed from Brook House. I believe this was to obscure my chances of being granted bail.

5. At around 5pm on that day, I was in the cell with D1851 when the door was pushed wide open. There were heavily armed guards and also members of staff named 'The Suitable Crew'. There were around 11 of them there to remove me from the cell. They grabbed me as if I was being a threat to them. Before they came into the room they were speaking to D1851. They asked him to stand by the side of the door however, he informed them that the way the door opens would result in the heavy metal door hitting him. I am able to confirm that the metal door had in fact caused damage to the wall because it was that heavy. In my opinion, given that we had seen how forceful immigration officers could be it was entirely reasonable for him to have taken this stance. I am also able to confirm that D1851 informed the immigration officers very politely that he would instead sit on his bed and allow them to enter the room. They however, barged into the room and pinned him down. The immigrating officers were big and tall, D1851 was of no threat and certainly did not need two large immigration officers forcefully pinning him down.
6. I noticed they had also pinned down D1851 to his bed. I could hear him screaming. He kept shouting at them to leave him alone. They just ignored him and carried on trying to remove me from the cell.
7. The guards proceeded to hit me with their batons and their shields. I was screaming asking them to leave me alone.
8. There was a doctor and a nurse watching them do this to me. I had asked for an appointment to see a doctor on site before this happened and I was told I would have to wait for around 2 weeks. Yet when they wanted to forcefully remove me, they were casually available.
9. I sustained numerous injuries following this incident including swelling to my knee and ankle. For a number of months, I had consistent pins and needles from them hitting my knee repeatedly. I also suffered with migraines due to the incident being so horrific.
10. The way the staff treated both myself and D1851 during this incident was evil.

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