

**RESTRICTED (when complete)****WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1)

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Statement of:

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Age if under 18:

Over 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Unemployed

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) 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.

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**Signature**Date 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

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(supply witness details on rear)

I was detained at Brook House after being transferred from prison. During the first 15 days of my arrival which was early April 2017 I felt scarred, I wanted to be by myself. I did not really interact with staff during those first 15 days.

Whilst in Prison I was prescribed medication which was **Sensitive/Irrelevant** this was to treat my depression. I would go to healthcare every day for the first 6 days and ask for my medication but was told it was not there and it would be ordered for me. I was over a week before they let me know my medication was available.

I cannot remember the date but on one day during those first 15 days I tried to harm myself, on a number of occasions, I cannot recall what I was doing or the dates. When the staff came in they said things like "This guy is Playing" and "Just doing it for attention" I think I was seen by the nurse but it was only brief and any injuries I had were not too serious, so I did not require medical treatment.

On 21<sup>st</sup> April I saw the mental health doctor, she was called Karen, and she told me that I was being kept in detention following my rule 35 because there was a risk I would self-harm so it would be safer for me. I remember her saying something like that. I felt like I would never get out and this made me feel very low and more suicidal.

A few days later I was dragged to E Wing, the staff used lots of force on me. There were at least 4 people grabbing my limbs and dragging me. If I moved they would push me into the wall. They were rude and abusive to me, they were swearing at me.

I was placed into E Wing, I think on that day I may have attempted suicide 10 times because I felt very very low and was angry.

I cannot say the exact date but from working out other events that happened I believe that on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 I was in my room which is towards the end near the block, on E Wing and feeling very low so I cut the t shirt I was wearing and tied it around my neck because I felt that I did not want to live anymore.. I was near the toilet in the room because I was hiding a bit from the person watching me. I do not remember how, but I ended up in the middle of the room, there seemed to be many hands and force being used on me, I remember an officer cutting the t shirt off with a knife or something like that. I was having flashbacks and I am not thinking about what people are doing or saying. I saw myself back in Egypt and I cannot remember properly what is going on the time. I remember lots of talking and swearing but who was there and what actually was said, I cannot remember.

After they had removed the t-shirt from my neck they placed me on the floor in the middle of the room, they used a lot of force to do this. I was on the floor for a few minutes, not sure exactly how

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long I was there for. I then moved and sat down, I then got up and moved around the room. I don't remember much about putting the battery in my mouth, the battery came from the mobile phone I had been given by Brook House, I remember the battery being in my mouth, I do not know why I put the battery in my mouth, no one else would have done it, I do not know if it was this time, but a battery was taken out of my mouth using force at some stage. I think I have attempted to swallow a battery 2 times whilst in brook house.

Later the same day, I do not remember the time. I do remember that I was strangled. When it happened I know there were at least six people around me, all shouting and there was lots going on which makes it difficult for me to remember exactly who did what and when and who was there. I do know that a male staff member called Yan or Dan or similar, muscular looking like he goes to the gym, little bit taller than me, I am about 170 cm tall. . He has a shaved head or bald and has a tattoo on the side of his head. He normally works on E Wing and is the same male who told me to get out of the shower after 2 minutes and I think it was Dan /Yan who said "I'm not taking you to the Fucking Mosque" some days earlier. I got the feeling this man didn't like me because he always spoke to me like this. I have tried remembering what happened but I was having flash backs and panic attacks, there was a lot going on. I know I was strangled and I really felt like I was going to die. I felt pressure around my neck and I was struggling to breathe.

I had people holding my legs and arms, I could not move. I tried to move, but when I moved people held on tighter.

I do not how long I was being strangled for, but at some point whilst I was being strangled I had white stuff coming out of my mouth, this made it difficult to breathe, It was at this point that the grip around my neck was released.

After I was strangled I was left on the floor of my room for maybe half an hour, maybe longer. I think the nurse may have come in to see me for a minute whilst I was on the floor but cannot be sure, No one else tried to help me. I cannot remember anyone saying anything to me whilst I was on the floor.

In relation to the banging of my head which was on the Panorama programme, I do not recall much about this, A man officer, who was fat and tall who was sat on the desk next to me in the room, I was lying on the bed. I think he may have pushed my fingers back but I cannot be sure.

I have not watched the programme, I have seen some clips but don't remember anything about this. I have only been told about it.

I have trouble remembering things. My Mental health is not good and I often have flashbacks when I try and think about things that are difficult for me or when I am going through bad times. When I have flash backs I feel like I am somewhere else. I have a problem remembering details of what happened to me.

I am willing to support the Police in any action they decide to take and will attend court if I am required to do so.

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I, Nicholas Hughes, careworker at Dunoon Lewis Solicitors, sign the following. I confirm that this statement has been read and explained in full to

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