

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: **Mark Andrew PRINCE**Age if under 18: **Over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Civilian Investigator**

This statement (consisting of 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 anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: **M.PRINCE 5621**Date: **14/03/2014**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

I am a Civilian Investigator with the Dorset Police currently attached to the Major Crime Investigation Team at Poole Police Station.

I have recently been made aware by the Criminal Cases Review Commission, of the identity of the DNA donor of a number of hairs (referred to as Item AM/34) found near to the scene of the murder of Jong Ok Shin in Malmesbury Park Road, Bournemouth in 2002. I hereafter refer to this person as Female D.

At 1400 hours on Saturday 8th March 2014, together with Detective Constable 1604 Skinner, I attended an address in Bournemouth where I spoke to female D. Having explained that we were carrying out a routine review of evidence gathered during the investigation into the death of Miss Shin, I informed her that some hairs found near to the scene had subsequently been identified as carrying her DNA profile and asked if she could give any explanation for their presence.

She explained that at the time of Miss Shin's death in 2002 she was living in a ground floor flat in a house virtually opposite where the incident had occurred. At that time she regularly had her hair cut and styled at home and assumed the hair had been discarded and settled nearby during such an instance. Her hair was at that time shoulder length and light brown in colour.

Female D stated that she had no connection with either Miss Shin or Omar Benguit, the male convicted of her murder and remembered being spoken to by officers at the time but had no information to give.

I then informed her that it was being investigated to establish any links between the death of Shin and that of Heather Barnett nearby in the same year and she stated she had no links with either Mrs Barnett or Danilo Restivo and had no knowledge of this investigation other than what she had seen in the media. She did occasionally use public transport but never had any instances of inappropriate behaviour towards her but was always aware of her surroundings and would always sit at the front in view of other passengers.

Having researched the HOLMES database for the Shin Investigation, I can confirm that Female D did in fact feature as part of the extensive House to House Enquiries made at the time and lived in a property opposite to where the incident occurred. No information was provided and no statement taken. Female D does not appear on the Database of the Heather Barnett Murder Investigation.

On Wednesday 12th March 2014, I again saw Female D and she agreed to provide a written statement in her name containing the information previously given which she duly signed.

Signature: **M.PRINCE 5621**

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Continuation of Statement of: **Mark Andrew PRINCE**

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