

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: **Donna WELSTEAD**Age if under 18: **Over 18** (if over 18 insert 'over 18')Occupation: **H R & Payroll Asst.**

This statement (consisting of 1..... 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: **D.Welstead**Date: **12/3/14**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded ☐ (supply witness details on rear)

On Saturday 8th March 2014, I was spoken to by officers from Dorset Police who informed me that a number of hairs found at the scene of the murder of a female in Malmesbury Park Road in Bournemouth in 2002, had been identified as being from me.

I was asked if this could be explained and I immediately remembered that at that time I was living in a house in that road almost exactly opposite to where the incident occurred. I recall vividly this incident, it involved the death of a young foreign student and although I can't remember the exact number of the house I lived at, it was within the taped off area guarded by police the morning after.

At that time I regularly used a hairdresser who would visit me at home to cut or style my hair and I would assume that any shed hair, either cut or discarded by brushing would just be disposed of using the bins at the house.

I recall being spoken to by officers making house to house enquires shortly afterwards but I did not know the girl concerned or the man subsequently convicted of the murder, whom I have been told is named Omar BENGUIT.

I am also aware of another murder in the same area around the same time involving another female. I have no information regarding this female or the male convicted of her murder and can't even remember if I lived in the same house at that time.

I have been asked if I ever used public transport at the time I lived there and I did sometimes use buses along Charminster Road into town. I have also been asked if anyone ever conducted inappropriate behaviour towards me, and specifically the interference of my hair whilst on the bus. I am a bit wary of travelling alone and would usually sit as close to the front of the bus as I could in view of other passengers. I have never had any such incidents happen to me.

At the time of me living in the Charminster area I had light brown hair which was around shoulder length.

Signature: **D.Welstead**Signature witnessed by: **M.Prince 5621**