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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Occurrence #: QP1200378191

Statement no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 25/05/2012

Statement of

Name of witness: BEAVEN, Candice Mykel

Date of birth: 31/03/1980 Age: 32 Occupation: Medical Doctor

Police officer taking statement

Name of police officer: SCOTT, Matthew Ellis

Rank: DSC

Reg. no.: 12052

Region/Command/Division: Metropolitan North

Station: Indooroopilly CIB

Statement:

Candice Mykel BEAVEN states:

1. My full name is Candice Mykel BEAVEN and I am presently thirty-two years of age. My place of birth is Brisbane. My current marital status is single and I presently reside at [REDACTED] and I reside at this address with my boyfriend.
2. I am presently employed as a General Practitioner with the Kenmore Clinic Medical Centre. I have been employed with this employer for about 17 months. My work phone number is [REDACTED] and my current mobile number is [REDACTED] and my I do not have a current landline phone number. My email address is [REDACTED]
3. I am a registered medical practitioner having completed my medical degree at the University of Queensland graduating in 2005. I have been employed full-time in Queensland since graduating and have worked in various hospitals and medical centres. I have completed all of my general practice training and am fully qualified to practice medicine.




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4. I know Gerard BADEN-CLAY however I do not know Allison BADEN-CLAY other than what I have seen and heard in the media. I only met him through one interaction on the morning of Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2012 when he attended the Kenmore Clinics Medical Practice. He had called the clinics and secured the first appointment for the day which was at 8:30am. I remember calling him into the consultation room.
5. My receptionist, Val (I do not recall her surname at this time) told me the first patient is Gerard BADEN-CLAY and that there was a situation in relation to his wife who had gone missing and that she had made a longer appointment time for the possibility of grief counselling. I was expecting the patient to be quite distressed. Mr. BADEN-CLAY presented on time and appeared quite composed although a little anxious. I had the impression he was in a rush. He stated he wanted me to have a look at a shaving that he said he had sustained using an old razor the morning of Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2012, twenty-four hours before his visit to me. He said he had cut himself as he was rushing. Throughout the consultation he stated to me at least three times that he had been in a rush and I felt that he wanted to make it clear to me that he was in a hurry whilst shaving and that is why he had cut himself in such a way. After inspecting his injuries three vertical superficial abrasions to the right cheek, I advised him that they appeared superficial and there were no signs of infection and that there was no specific treatment for them that I would advise. His injuries were such a width and distance apart across his right cheek and corner of his mouth that it would have been unlikely the injuries were sustained in one downward shaving motion. He initially stated that he thought the abrasions had occurred in one shaving motion. I then queried this response as I felt it were unlikely this were the case due to their size and distance between abrasions. He again stated that he was in a rush and could not be sure how many shaving motions it took to sustain his injuries. He said it may have occurred in a few motions. I asked why he had not noticed bleeding from his face after one motion and before continuing to shave. He said he was in a rush and must not have noticed. He further explained that the real reason he was attending for this injury was to have a doctor document his injuries and said words to the effect of "I don't know if you know but my wife is missing at the moment". He told me that the Police advised him to have his injuries documented. He requested a copy of his medical notes and said that he would pass his medical notes onto Police. He said photographs of his facial injuries had been taken by Police. His mobile phone rang several times throughout the consultation, however he kept stopping the phone calls. He did not appear teary or emotional, rather he was

  
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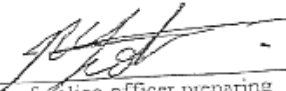
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anxious. I did have the impression that he was on edge and anxious to have his injuries documented by me stating several times that they were sustained whilst shaving.

6. In my medical opinion I cannot be certain as to the cause of Mr. BADEN-CLAY's facial injuries although I felt it unlikely and unusual that his facial injuries were a result of shaving. There were three well separated abrasions on his right cheek and he is unlikely to have sustained these with two shaving motions, and more so, to have not noticed any bleeding or injury from the site after the first shaving motion and before continuing to shave. After completing my notes I provided a copy to Mr. BADEN-CLAY. **I have viewed a copy of these notes shown to me by Detective Senior Constable Matthew SCOTT and am able to produce these.**
7. Mr. BADEN-CLAY then asked me how long I had been at the practice and if I lived in the area. I stated that I had been at the practice for almost a year and a half and that I lived out past Springfield Lakes but was looking to move closer to work. He responded by handing me his business card showing details of his real estate business and saying "I might be able to help you with that". I took the card and placed it on my desk. I later placed the business card in the top drawer of my desk. He appeared jovial and friendly at this point. He stood and left the room and the consultation ended. He appeared less distressed than I would have expected given the circumstances. The consultation was around ten minutes. After he left the room I was very concerned that the injuries were caused by scratches from his wife. Looking at the injuries in the context of the scenario with his wife missing I was concerned and felt it more likely the injury was caused by scratches rather than shaving. It would be more likely the injury was a scratch injury or a tree contact for example. I find the razor scenario unusual because of the shape of a razor, having a base which is wide and flat, is not consistent with the shape of the injury which is long, thin, irregular dimensions and the marks on his skin were not parallel to the growth of the hair.
8. A few days after the consultation when public interest in the case heightened and I became more aware of the circumstances surrounding Allison BADEN-CLAY's disappearance from media reports I made notes of my personal observations and thoughts regarding the consultation. The making of these notes was suggested to me after I contacted my medical defence organisation which supplies my medical indemnity. **I am able to produce the notes to which I have referred.**

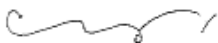
  
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9. I have always had an interest in skin cancer medicine and that interest has been encouraged from working at the Kenmore Clinics because we have the Skin Cancer Clinic. Last year I completed a diploma in Dermoscopy which is the study of skin lesions at a dermoscopic level. I use an instrument called a Dermatoscope which enables practitioners to identify features and structures within a skin lesion which gives us clues as to the possible diagnosis of lesion. Based on those clues we may or may not take a biopsy. Looking at the injuries on photographs supplied to me by DSC SCOTT the top layer of skin, being the epidermis, would have been removed and the upper dermal layer penetrated. The dermal layer would not have been penetrated completely however would have caused bleeding. The injury is actually similar to the type of skin biopsies that I perform called a shave biopsy. For this procedure I have to use a shave biopsy blade, bending the blade and placing it at an angle against the skin to get the initial penetration of the epidermis. The blades are used only once and are very sharp.
10. If I was to perform a shave biopsy on a lesion on a cheek area I would firstly pinch the skin to raise the area I was wanting to biopsy and angle the biopsy blade at about 20 degrees, a slight angle to the skin, to achieve a superficial shave.
11. I have worked as the Dermatology Resident at the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 2007 for six weeks and on average performed at least five shave biopsies per day, sometimes more during that period. At present I perform at least one per day on average and would have performed in excess of five hundred shave biopsies over the past seven years.
12. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 I attended the Indooroopilly Police Station and provided this statement to Detective Senior Constable Matthew SCOTT.

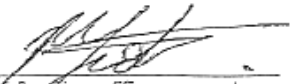


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