

## Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement 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.

I, Stephen John Halcrow certify as follows:-

I am a legally qualified Medical Practitioner and I am a Neurosurgical Registrar employed by the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

My qualifications are: a) Bachelor of Medicine

- b) Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Sydney
- c) Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

d) Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and

Surgeons of Glasgow

My date of birth is

1952.

On the morning of 11th January, 1992 at approximately 4.00am in the Emergency Department of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, I made a physical examination of the patient known to me as ROBERT HART MALCOLM.

The result of that examination was as follows:-

A normotensive but deeply comatose patient, intubated and ventilated with equal, reactive pupils to light, absent cough and gag reflexes and a slight flexor response to pain.

There was gross facial bruising and a right malar laceration with a mobile middle third facial fracture and right periorbital haematoma.

There was blood and vomitus in the mouth and blood was aspirated from the endotracheal tube.

There were no other apparent injuries externally.

A cerebral CT scan was unremarkable but extensive facial fracturing was evident with blood and fracturing of maxillary and ethmoid air sinuses. Chest X-ray revealed bilateral pulmonary oedema consistent with aspiration pneumonitis.

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/2 MRN: The patient was an inpatient of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital until his demise on 29th January, 1992 at 7.10pm. SIGNED 41 9 DATE ill WITNESS SM (