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MOD Form 266B (Civilian)

Case No: 64679/03

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, S.9; MC Act 1980, SS 5A(3a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981 r70)

Statement of: Said Abdull RAZAK

Age if under 18: Over 18 **Occupation:** Pathologist
(if over 18 insert "Over 18")

This statement (consisting of 2 pages 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.

Dated 17th Day of August 2003

Signature: SA RAZAK

I am the above named person.

I am currently employed as the head of the Forensic Facility, Basrah, Iraq and have been for twenty seven years. My medical qualifications are as follows:

MBCHB – University of Baghdad in 1974.

Certificate of Forensic Medicine – Forensic Institute of Baghdad in 1976.

During my many years practicing as a Pathologist, I have come across thousands of cases where I have had to carry out Post Mortem examinations where shooting was involved. This includes working through both Gulf Conflicts.

About 0900 hrs on Sun 3 Aug, I received the lifeless body of Mr Hassan Abbas Said. I do not know the date of birth. The only address given was Ad Dayr, Iraq. The body was conveyed by the Ad Dayr police and also the body was identified by the Ad Dayr police, but I do not know the name of the police officer who did this.

I confirmed the body was dead at 0900 hrs. There is no record of previous death being confirmed.

I carried out a visual external examination of the body and found the following:

1 x inlet bullet wound in the right Lumbar area measuring 5mm x 6mm.

Signature: SA RAZAK

Signature Witnessed by: KW BAMFORD

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MOD Form 266E (Continuation Sheet)

Sheet No 2

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Continuation of statement of: Said Abdull RAZAK

1 x inlet bullet wound in the right Lumbar area measuring 5mm x 6mm.

There were no other injuries visible. The Ad Dayr police report requesting me to carry out a Post Mortem outlined that Mr Said had been shot in the back, which is consistent with the injury I saw. I then carried out a Post Mortem examination of the body, the findings of which are contained in my report number '205' dated 6 Aug 03.

I can, however, state the actual cause of death as follows:

The bullet entered the Lumbar area. It struck and fractured vertebrae numbers 1, 2 and 3 causing internal bleeding (Retro-Peritoneal). A fragment of bullet also damaged the left lung causing internal bleeding in the left thoracic cavity.

The actual cause of death was internal bleeding caused by the damage I have described, caused by the bullet entering the body.

During the Post Mortem examination I removed 4 fragments of bullet from the body, 3 from the abdominal cavity and 1 from the left lung.

At the conclusion of my Post Mortem examination I placed the 4 bullet fragments into a glass container. I then compiled my report (number 205). I retained my report and the bullet fragments in my possession until Sat 9 Aug 03, when I handed them to an officer from the Ad Dayr police, Ali Najem.

I have today been shown by Sgt Bamford KW, RMP (SIB), the following items, attached to which were exhibit labels marked as indicated:

AHA/1 - Pathologist Report dated 6 Aug 03 signed by Said Abdul Razak

AHA/2 - Bullet Fragments

I have signed the labels. Exhibits AHA/1 and AHA/2 are similar in all respects to the report and bullet fragments I handed to Ali Najem on Sat 9 Aug 03.

Signed: SA RAZAK

Signed: KW BAMFORD

Sgt
RMP (SIB)

Signature: SA RAZAK

Signature Witnessed by: KW BAMFORD

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