

RESTRICTED (WHEN COMPLETE)

WITNESS STATEMENT

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

Statement of: ...Anthea Barnes, Dray House, Mansfield Place, Greater Questing

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Over 18 Occupation: Artist

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 in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true

My name is Anthea Barnes. I was married to Simon Sayers until May 2016. We lived at Dray House and I continued to live there after our divorce but in a separate wing of the house. I have my studio in the attic of my apartment.

I remarried in December last year and I live in the same wing with my new husband, Louis Barnes.

I was devastated when Simon died so unexpectedly. We may have drifted apart in our marriage but we were still friends. I was then utterly shocked yesterday at the will reading when it turned out he had left me nothing. I helped him build his business buying and selling other businesses and it was always my understanding that he would leave a cash sum or share of the business in the will.

It came as even more of a shock when everything was left to Claire, his second wife. I happen to know that they were not getting on well and Simon had mentioned divorce to me. That was a few weeks before he died so I suppose he might have changed his mind but I find it so hard that he would leave me nothing despite the fact that I had married Mark.

As far as the man lying at the bottom of the stairs I have no idea who he is and I have never seen him before.

Signature *A Barnes*

Signature witnessed by: *Det Con R Armstrong*

Date: 4th February 2022