

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: ...Ben Lyinn, Dray House

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

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

I'm the son of Claire Lee Lyinn and the stepson of her second husband, Simon Sayers.

I got on well with my stepfather. He did a lot for me, he put me through university and encouraged me to do well in my studies. He was really keen for me to follow his footsteps and join his company and at first I really wanted to do that but it wasn't really my thing.

I finished university and got my economics degree but I told him I didn't want to go into the business and he was furious. I think he would have kicked me out but my mother calmed him down. He let me stay in the house but he wouldn't talk to me.

I took some time out to re-evaluate what I wanted to do with my life and I started working as a volunteer at a homeless shelter. I really loved working there. I was working with some of the staff to get people off the streets, I helped in the kitchens providing food to the homeless people and I did charity collections too.

Simon and I had another argument a few months before he died when I told him he could do worse than spending some time working at the shelter and seeing how other people lived. He laughed at me. Told me I was on the path to be homeless myself.

I didn't see him the morning he died because he set off for golf before I was up.

I don't know anything about the man who was found dead in our house.

Signature *B Lyinn*

Signature witnessed by: *Det Con R Armstrong*

Date: 4th February 2022