

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

Statement of: STREVENS, BARRY WILLIAM

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')
RETIRED

Occupation: MPS CLOSE PROTECTION OFFICER

This statement (consisting of 2 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.

Signature: B STREVENS

Date: 07/08/2015

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

In this statement I will talk about my time as Personal Security Guard to the late Margaret THATCHER and in particular to a conversation that I had with her around 1985 with regards to something I had heard about Peter MORRISON who at the time was being considered for the deputy chairmanship of the Conservative Party.

I was Margaret THATCHER's Personal Protection Officer on and off from 1978 up until 1998 when she left office, however I did continue to see her up until her death.

In 1985 we went up to Chester for some visit that Margaret THATCHER was making. I can't remember what the visit was for; she was the Prime Minister at the time. At the time I was a Detective Inspector. Whilst up in Chester I was talking to Brian BASSETT or BARRATT, I can't be certain of his surname. He was head of operations in the force which I think may have been Mercia. During the discussion Peter MORRISON's name came into the conversation, I can't remember why and I happened to mention that he was being considered as the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party. When I told him this he told me that he thought I should know about the rumours going around about parties he was having at his house in Chester.

Apparently the local Press were looking into the rumours that there was a young boy frequenting the parties that was about 15 years old. He told me that I should do what I thought best with information. I decided that I should make Margaret THATCHER aware of what I had been told and when we returned to Downing Street I asked her if I could have a word with her. She asked me what it was about and I told her that it was about Peter MORRISON.

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She invited me into her flat at the top of No.10 and also present was Archie HAMILTON who was the parliamentary Private Secretary. I told her what the officer in Chester had told me and she just said thank you. When I told her Archie HAMILTON was making notes. I then left and I never heard anymore about it, but I would have expected them to instigate some form of investigation, however he did become the Deputy Chairman of the Party.

Sometime later in the early 90s I was having a conversation with Peter MORRISON and we were talking about Margaret THATCHER and he just happened to mention that he was aware of my conversation with her. There was no animosity he just said that I was only doing my job. It was never ever mentioned again. I used to go and visit her up until her death and nothing was ever mentioned about what I said. About 6 – 8 months ago I was contacted by I believe the Chief Superintendent of Complaints at Cheshire Police. I don't know what his name was. He said that they were looking into whether or not officers acted correctly upon information they were given around these allegations and wanted to have the details of the officer who gave me the information which I did.

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