

CLINTON DEXTER EDWARDS states under oath in English.

1.

I am a Lt. Colonel in the South African Police Service with Persal No 0435733-7, stationed at Johannesburg Central Police Station where I hold the post of Sub-Section Commander: Administration. I am the Officer with Command responsibility over the Docket Storeroom (SAPS 6 Store) at the Station. My contact telephone number at work is 011 497 7234.

2.

I recently received a request for copies of the Inquest Docket for the death of Dr Neil Hudson Aggett who died in Police Custody on 1982-02-05 at SAP John Vorster Square (the name by which SAPS Jhb Central was previously known). The request was directed to the Station Commander: Jhb Central by Advocate SH Singh of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions: Gauteng Local Division under their Ref 10/2/9-445/19. The Court Inquest Number was given as 139/82 but no SAP Crime Register (CR) Number or other SAP Reference Number was given.

3.

I instructed the Clerks working in the SAPS 6 Store to seek the requested docket and was later informed that they are unable to find it amongst the filed dockets for 1982. The fact that no SAP Crime Register (CR) or Inquest Register (IR) numbers were given in the request for copies does make the task of tracing it immeasurably more difficult. The computerised Docket Administration System (CAS) was not yet in use during 1982 and I am therefore not in a position to check on this System for the details.

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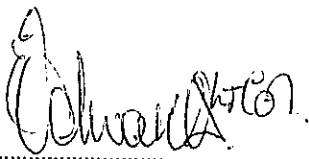
I did also personally check in the Store Room where old dockets have been filed and could find neither the docket nor the relevant Inquest Register. Unfortunately, the material in this Store Room was filed years ago by personnel no longer working at Jhb Central and I am unable to consult with anyone or determine whether the Inquest Docket for Neil Hudson Aggett was in fact filed at the Police Station or if it was perhaps in the custody of someone else. I suspect that as the Inquest was finalised during the 1980s the Docket may have been destroyed in terms of the Records Destruction Policy in force during that time. It may however also be that as Dr Aggett died whilst under detention of the erstwhile Security Branch (Veiligheidstak) the Inquest Docket was retained by that Branch. I have no idea of the present whereabouts of the relevant Case Docket.

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I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the oath to be binding on my conscience.



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