

WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9**

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Statement of: Lucy Doyle

Age if under 18: OVER 18

(if over 18 insert 'over 18')

Occupation: Full time mother

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: Lucy Doyle (witness)

Date: 01/06/2020

I live at the address overleaf. I am writing this statement in relation to an incident involving my friend Shelagh McLove that happened earlier today.

I have lived next door to Shelagh for 7 years and we have become good friends. I would describe Shelagh as around 30 years old, about 5ft 8" tall and petite. Shelagh used to be an outgoing and confident person. That gradually changed after she met Eoin McLove.

Eoin I would describe as around 6ft 1" tall and is stocky in his build. Eoin moved into Shelagh's house around 5 years ago and in that time he has hardly ever spoken to me, in fact I feel like he resents the fact that me and Shelagh are friends.

Over the last 5 years there have been numerous times I have seen Shelagh with injuries. Shelagh would refuse to tell me how they happened and every time I asked she would just cry. I asked if it was Eoin and Shelagh would sometimes nod but most of the time she would change the conversation. Things got worse when Shelagh had her child taken away and at that point she did tell me it was because Social Services didn't think she could keep a child safe with Eoin around.

Earlier today, 1st June at around midday Shelagh messaged me on Telegram and told me Eoin had gone out and she was worried he would go drinking again. I went around to Shelagh's house at around 2pm and we had a cup of tea. Shelagh looked upset but we decided to have a glass of wine together as my kids were with their father for the weekend. We ended up drinking 4 bottles of wine between us and shared a large bottle of Wkd Blue as well. I left at around 8:30pm. I felt very tipsy as I hadn't eaten much. I did not see any injuries to Shelagh's face before I left and I would have seen any as I was sat in close proximity.

Whilst at Shelagh's we talked about how she was giving Eoin one last chance, as he had been released from prison on licence and had promised her he had addressed his drinking issues. Shelagh assures me Eoin is a nice man when sober. I only ever see Eoin when he has been drinking and he has never been friendly towards me.

I became aware of screaming and shouting at around 9:30pm. It hadn't been that long since I returned home. I could hear Shelagh shouting at Eoin. I heard her shout 'DON'T, STOP HITTING ME'. I decided not to call the Police as I knew Shelagh would not want me to be involved. The first time I was aware the Police had been called was when an Officer knocked on my door tonight. I am willing to attend court if needed.

Signature: Lucy Doyle

Signature witnessed by: PC 1991 Rocastle