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NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Leonard Pearl, lawyer
PLACE OF WORK: N/A
DATE INTERVIEWED: October 30, 2000
INTERVIEWED BY: C. Flear, CNO Investigator

INTERVIEW SUMMARY: by telephone

Leonard Pearl explained that he is a lawyer, and a friend of Sharon Shore.

Mr. Pearl was sitting in the audience listening to the testimony of witnesses called at the Inquest into the Death of Lisa Shore. He recalls that one of the nurses was testifying, and he noticed that the way she was answering the questions seemed strange. He looked over to the section of the audience where the supporters for the nurses were sitting. He noticed that Jean Reeder and Mary Douglas were nodding their heads before the nurses were answering. Mr. Pearl described their head nodding as being pronounced, and not a naturally occurring head nodding. He described the nodding as being that of direction, not reassurance. There may have been some hand motions as well, but at this time, Mr. Pearl could not say for sure.

He was sitting next to Cindy, Sharon Shore's sister. He poked her in the arm and told her that Ms Reeder and Ms Douglas were signalling the nurses giving evidence. Cindy was not able to see them very clearly where she was sitting. Mr. Pearl thought that there might have been a pillar in her way.

Mr. Pearl observed that Dr. Reeder and Ms Douglas were nodding their heads up and down, and shaking them from side to side. The head motions occurred before the nurses answered the questions being posed. He noted that they seemed to do this mostly for the questions that required yes or no answers. The nurses who were testifying were looking at Jean Reeder and Mary Douglas.

At this time, Mr. Pearl could not remember which witnesses Ms Reeder and Ms Douglas seemed to be coaching.

Mr. Pearl observed the nurses being coached in this manner a day or two before the coroner cautioned the audience. He was not personally present at the Inquest when this caution was given. He learned about the caution after the fact, and felt reassured that he had been fairly accurate in his observations.