

10 January 2011

Witness statement of John Allman

I, John William Allman, of

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born on

7 May 1953

will say as follows.

The role of this witness statement in the proceedings

- 1) I did not learn of the Pre-Inquest Hearing of Tuesday 11 January 2011 and the need before then for this witness statement to be prepared, until Friday 7 January 2011, on which date I also received the coroner's list of questions for me, some of which are questions answered to the police a year ago. This has necessitated the completion of this witness statement in a hurry. I therefore offer it as a guide to my evidence-in-chief, or evidence on first examination, rather than a comprehensive substitute for oral evidence.
- 2) Amanda Palmer is with me, and I know that she also has evidence. There will not be enough time for her to complete a witness statement at all before Tuesday. Our son has a hospital appointment in Cornwall today, before we travel to Horsham.

Why I consider that Amanda Palmer and I have a proper interest in this matter

- 3) Amanda and I have intervened as we have in the investigation into the violent death of Darrim Daoud (Dar), because I promised Dar that I would do so, in the event of his violent death. I made this promise in response to Dar's express request that I would so intervene, in the event of Dar's violent death.
- 4) Dar told me and implied that he had received threats to his life, or at least threats that were capable of being sensibly interpreted as threats to his life. He told me this, both before and after the meeting on 14 October 2009 in Trafalgar Square that Dar organised. He appeared to take these threats seriously, and seemed to me to be in fear, albeit undaunted.
- 5) Dar gave Amanda and me an assurance that he would never commit suicide. He seemed calm, rational and courageous at all times. When I read on the Crawley Advertiser website that British Transport Police had made a public announcement that they were treating Dar's death as "non-suspicious", and comments on Dar's Facebook page that suggested that Dar might have taken his own life, I was incredulous.

6) Later, I saw the video of Dar, and read Dar's text, that Dar posted onto You Tube, probably between 24 and 48 hours before his death. The text alleged harrassment with a directed energy weapons, causing a burn to Dar's cheek, and sleep deprivation for the best part of a week.

7) The video caused me to begin to think for the first time that it was possible after all, albeit still in my view unlikely, that Dar harmed himself, fatally, by walking into a moving train, either because he was driven to this by the abuse to which he testified in the video, or because he was reduced to a state of carelessness by the sleep deprivation. I considered, in the light of the video, that either scenario would no less amount to an unlawful killing, than if Dar had been pushed into the path of a train, or into the path of another vehicle other than where his body was found, and his body then moved to where it was found.

8) I have tried to communicate with Dar's father, but my approach, initially welcomed, was soon after abruptly rejected.

Evidence given to British Transport Police

9) Amanda Palmer and I were interviewed by British Transport Police in January 2010.

10) We have provided British Transport Police with copies of Darrim's correspondence to us, or supplied to us in response to an appeal I sent out after being interviewed, at the request of Detective Inspector Paul Langley.

11) To answer a specific question of the coroner's, and as far as I recall, but with one possible exception I have admitted, I made a point of forwarding to DI Langley all of the emails and other text written by Darrim that others copied to me, as a result of that appeal. I made a point of this, even though some of the emails were of trivial content, because I anticipated the coroner's present question a year beforehand.

12) To answer another specific question of the coroner's, I sent out the appeal, as I recall, to my own mailing list of about 200 email addresses in the UK, primarily the emails addresses of people claiming to be "targeted individuals". I think I also sent the appeal to several Yahoo groups, probably MCACTIVISM and MCFORUMS and MULTISTALK. Because of the short notice, and the fact that my own computer is packed away temporarily elsewhere, I cannot easily check today exactly which Yahoo groups I emailed.

13) I have provided DI Langley with documents, URLs of documents, and pointers on how to search for information about Dar, in order to learn about the deceased. I have not sent to DI Langley all possible links to writings of or about Dar in the last month or so of his life that I have found, which DI Langley could just as easily have found for himself, by searching the internet in obvious ways that ought to have occurred to DI Langley, such as searching on Dar's full name in quotes.

14) One of the reasons that I intend to attend the inquest, is to check that the information Amanda and I gave to DI Langley has been used. It is not possible for me, in the limited time available, to append copies of such documents to my witness statement, as exhibits referenced in the body of the witness statement. I have not tried to do the police's job for them, by researching Dar's written output thoroughly, and corresponding with his correspondents. I have done an ordinary member of the public's job, of providing the police with information, for them to use.

Background

15) In 2002, I recruited another eleven people beside myself, all drawn from my faith community, to form a single issue group called Christians Against Mental Slavery, which took a particular stance (a stance against) the deployment non-consensually of technology able to inflict particular applications, specifically the monitoring or influence of human thought. The infliction of such applications is properly understood, I now know, in the broader context of what has become known as "electronic harassment", or (probably more accurately) "electromagnetic harassment"(EH).

16) By 2009, I had acquired sufficient recognition in the above field to be invited to present a paper at the the Fifth European Symposium on Non-Lethal Weapons, and for Colonel John B Alexander to be allowed to present a paper specifically to refute mine if he could, which he admitted being unable to do. I have not, however, received a similar invitation to speak at the Directed Energy Weapons conference organised annually in London by Defence IQ.

17) Over the years, I have become known as a support contact in the UK for persons who identify themselves as victims of EH and (more recently) "organised stalking" (OS).

18) Dar identified himself publicly and to Amanda and me, as a victim of both EH and OS. He used the commonly used term "targeted individual" (TI). I first became aware of Dar on or before the date of the first of his 24 emails of which I was a recipient, 24 September 2008.

19) Before Amanda and I finally met with Dar face to face for the first time on 4 October 2009, I had also read his writings on groups and forums that I have enabled British Transport Police to locate.

20) I do not know how many telephone conversations I had with Darrim. I do remember that he had a standing invitation to visit our charity shop in Fleet.

21) Dar designed an online questionnaire, still published, which I imagine that DI Langley must have discovered in his investigations, which mentioned many of the symptoms of which OS and EH TIs complain. I have read an online comment made by Amanda, to the effect this his was the best such questionnaire she had ever seen. I tend to agree.

22) Dar's questionnaire responses suggested that the infliction of both OS and EH on the same TIs was commonplace. More than 80% who complained of either, complained of both.

23) Dar was building a database of alleged TIs.

The "protest"

24) During September 2009, I received emails galore addressed to many, announcing a plan hatched in Canada and adopted in the USA, a proposal to hold a World Day of Protest on 14 October 2009.

25) I was minded not to take very seriously the proposal, in the sense of engaging with the endless debate about the *scope* of any protest (EH, OS or both?), and what to *call* the protest, and the "coalition", from New Zealand to Alaska, calling the protest. However, it became clear that

Darrim was fired up to organise a "protest" in Trafalgar Square, on the day chosen by Americans, despite this being illegal.

26) I have drawn the attention of DI Langley to the eventual press release of 12 October, announcing that "World Day of Protest". By that time, Dar was in charge of a "protest" in London, which was unlawful, being unlicensed. I therefore did not distribute that press release in the UK, or compose an alternative one. I regarded Dar's exercise as a valuable training exercise and practice for a future protest, planned less hurriedly. It is surely not unlawful for a group of people merely to meet in Trafalgar Square, for such purposes, even if they all share a cause about which they would like to protest one day.

27) DI Langley received about a year ago, copies of the flyers used, which reference websites and mention another event planned for 18 October.

28) DI Langley also received copies of the artwork of a two-sided banner on a stick that Dar designed, made and carried.

29) In all, eight people attended the meeting in Trafalgar Square. (Dar, John, Amanda, Andrew G, Andrew C, Mike, Kenneth [sic] and Jonathan.) Two people left before the last arrived, so the peak attendance was only seven people. (I arrived last, due to problems parking.)

30) People arrived between 13:30 and about 15:00. We handed out hundreds of flyers, and visited Trafalgar Square and The Strand (outside the RCJ). The six of us remaining by that time, went to the pub at some time after 18:00, and went our separate ways at around 21:00.

31) Dar filmed Mike's damaged arm during the day, and posted the video on You Tube under his own name on 16 October 2009.

Our visit to Dar's home

32) On the morning of Sunday 4 October, at church in Aldershot, I was praying for Dar silently, and became determined, if he was willing, to visit him that afternoon. I felt that he was taking on a lot on his own, and that I should stop distancing myself from the World Day of Protest, and show solidarity with this brave "young Turk". After the worship, I telephoned Dar, who was delighted that Amanda and I were coming to visit him that afternoon.

33) We arrived, as best as I recall, at around 14:00. We stayed at Dar's home until the evening, then went out together for a meal together at a restaurant near Dar's home. We set off for home very close to 23:00.

34) There was a great deal of conversation. For most of the time, the three of us, Dar, Amanda and I, were within earshot of one another. However, at one stage, I went outside and telephoned Carl Clark, because I was worried about a "protest" that would be unlawful. During the last 15 minutes or so, I was alone with Dar for the time it took to smoke a cigarette.

35) Dar talked about some of the strange events that he experienced. Amanda commented that they were remarkably similar to those that she experienced, some of which I have witnessed. I have had such events myself, but only since becoming involved with OS TIs.

36) One of the OS events, which is highly typical of OS, involved Dar returning home one day

to discover some Monopoly money on the stairs, despite his not owning a copy of the Monopoly board game. There was no evidence of forced entry, and nobody with a spare key to Dar's home. This sort of event often happens in the lives of many of those who claim that they are subjected to OS.

37) At several different times that day, the three of us, or just myself and Dar, discussed the solution to the following problem. If somebody is receiving threats, and is in fear of being killed in such a manner that his death appears accidental or suicidal, yet does not believe that the police will be both motivated and able to do anything to protect him, how can he make himself safer? The solution we discussed was that of *telling people*, and appointing those people to "make a fuss" if the client is killed, and the police or the coroner appear to be trying to avoid investigating the death *as a possible homicide*.

38) The above solution only deters would-be killers if it matters to the killers that the crime is covered up, as an accident or a suicide. We both considered it to be likely that *deniability* was an important facet of the crimes of EH and OS, and especially of crimes committed in reprisal against those whom it proved impossible to dissuade from credible attempts to publicise the crimes. Dar was clear that he intended to make credible attempts to publicise EH and OS, come what may.

39) Shortly before we went home, I spoke to Dar alone, during a smoke break outside the restaurant. I asked him gently why he did not have a wife, or a girlfriend. He told me that on one occasion, a black four-by-four vehicle with smoked glass windows had drawn up alongside him. The window had been wound down, and Dar had been told by the vehicle occupant that an Iraqi uncle of his was going to be killed. A week later, that uncle was dead. He then said that exactly the same modus operandi had been used later, to warn him that his girlfriend would be killed, if Dar did not end the relationship. Dar had therefore ended the relationship. I believed what Dar had told me.

40) Both Amanda and I naturally prevailed upon Dar also to brief his family about the danger he thought he might be in, especially because of the extent to which the family's wishes are typically respected by those who investigate suspicious deaths. The following is my best recollection as to how he responded to these entreaties.

41) Dar spoke well of his family, whose love clearly meant a lot to him. He seemed to love his family. But he was adamant that they all found it too difficult to accept as the truth what he told them about what was happening to him, for him to rely entirely upon them. He has already done his best to brief them. He understood their limitations, and was not embittered or estranged. He mentioned a sister, who he said did recognise that something untoward was being done to him. But, because he loved his family, he did not wish to involve them any more than he was doing already. (In the correspondence, Dar tells Darlene about his sister, who accepts that Dar is suffering electromagnetically caused ill-effects, but prefers to suggest that Dar was suffering Electro Hypersensitivity, rather than to believe that the ill-effects could have been being inflicted upon him deliberately.)

After the protest

42) The main flyer handed out on 14 October, was publicising further reading websites, and the presentation I planned to give at Speakers Corner the following Sunday afternoon. Yet Darrim did not attend. As I recall, Amanda telephoned to find out why not. Amanda then told me, but

not necessarily until a few days later, that Dar had told her that he had been intimidated by a stranger on the train home on 14th. Whether or not Amanda's testimony confirms my recollection, one of the emails Dar himself wrote supplied to DI Langley mentions intimidation as the reason for Dar not attending on 18 October.

43) Around the time of Dar's death, I hope just before rather than just afterward, I have a particularly vivid memory of stopping work and praying for Dar with Amanda in the charity shop, and expressing the following opinion of Dar. I said that I had seldom met people who claimed to be TIs, who seemed to have such talent as Dar seemed to have, as potential future leaders of targeted people in the UK. To answer a specific and relevant question of the coroner's, Dar was certainly planning more protests, and I was looking forward to working with Dar to that end before too long.

44) The consensus of opinion of the online obituaries, seems to me to be that Dar was an exceptional individual, head and shoulders above his peers. I concur.

45) I regret profoundly not having telephoned Dar during his last week alive, and that he never telephoned me. There is no doubt that, whether or not the cause was EH as he believed, and as Amanda and I believe, his physical and mental condition, after five days of pain and sleep deprivation, was badly depleted. As Dar himself wrote in some of the content DI Langley must have seen, by the time he wrote the last words he ever wrote that the world knows about, Dar could barely stand up. Given this, I am looking forward to finding out how the court concludes that Dar, or his body, reached the place where his body was found, dead, but (it was at first announced) *non-suspiciously* dead.

The airline ticket

46) One of the emails passed to DI Langley includes a proposal on Dar's part to organise a camping holiday on the mainland of Europe. (Dar did not know that I had bought a large tent for exactly such a project in 2007, but had never used it, though he did know that I drove an adapted minibus that was a medium-sized van and a seven seater people-carrier.) Dar had suggested that we should go in May 2009, but Amanda was expecting Noah in May, so we said it would have to be May 2011 if we were going to join him. My recollection is that Dar then decided to go away alone.

47) My assumption on learning of his purchase of an airline ticket from Dar himself, was that his motive was partly to assess the location he had had in mind for the proposed holiday for a group of targeted people, which would have taken a lot of work organising. However, I am quite sure that he also intended just to give himself a holiday, pure-and-simple.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: