

Witness Name: Elias Calocane

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THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF ELIAS CALOCANE

I Elias Calocane, will say as follows:-

1. I make this statement in response to a Rule 9 request sent to my solicitor on 24 April 2026 and further to my first witness statement [WITN0087001].
2. This statement is based on my knowledge and beliefs. I have considered documents in order to prepare this statement, including documents disclosed by the Inquiry but which I had seen previously. Where any information is not from my own knowledge or belief, I make that clear below. I reserve the right to amend this statement when further documents become available.

Valdo's relationship with my parents

3. At paragraph 9 of my first witness statement, I said "There were some fairly typical issues between Valdo and my parents when he was younger as he struggled with the boundaries that my parents put in place [...]". I have been asked to set out my recollection of those issues and how Valdo struggled with the boundaries put in place.
4. I do not recall any significant issues between Valdo and my parents, which is why I described these as 'fairly typical issues'. The main issue I can recall is about Valdo not wanting to go to church.

5. Church had always been a big part of our lives growing up. We had a tight-knit church community in Portugal with lots of friends and my parents wanted the same for us in Wales. After we arrived in Wales, as far as I remember, Valdo attended church with us for a couple of years but eventually he didn't want to attend anymore or to practise Christianity in general. However, our parents wanted us all to attend church and to be part of the community as a household and a family so when Valdo said that he no longer wanted to come, there were some arguments about that. They were not particularly serious or long arguments and they were generally when we were getting ready to go to church on a Sunday. I would say my parents were more upset than Valdo, who usually remained quite calm and just held his ground and tried to ignore it and go back to bed. This was around the time Valdo was 18 and as he was 18 and wanted to be independent, he felt that he was a grown up and could make his own decisions.
6. I don't remember there being tension or arguments about this for a long period, maybe a few weeks or a month but I do remember Valdo being frustrated about it.
7. Valdo did stop going to church eventually and even though my parents didn't approve, I think everyone made peace with it and so the friction around this eventually stopped and Valdo remained living in the family home for a significant period after that.
8. When Valdo moved out and started maturing more, his relationship with my parents grew much stronger. It became obvious that he just needed some space for himself and independence. Valdo would come over all the time and we would all hang out as a family very often.
9. I think it is important to say that during my conversation with the two detectives who came to take my statement on 13 June 2023, the only reason I disclosed information about "issues" between Valdo and my dad, was that this was specifically asked of me by the detectives. I thought it was strange then that they

would ask such specific questions as I did not think it was of any relevance to what was happening or that there was much to say. I still hold this opinion today.

Document NGPF0003027

10. I have been provided with a copy of document NGPF0003027. This is the first time that I have seen this document or that it has been drawn to my attention.
11. Honestly, I do not remember a huge amount about this incident other than feeling ashamed and embarrassed about the whole thing.
12. As far as I can remember, I wanted to play on my PlayStation 3 and my dad wanted me to do my chores. I was angry and I remember shouting and swearing at my dad for not letting me carry on playing as he wanted me to do the dishes. Since Valdo worked with mum in the college on weekdays, it was my chore to help out with the dishes during the weekdays, and he did the weekends.
13. I may have tried to push my dad but I can't really remember. When he tried to calm me down, he must have scratched my face by mistake, although I don't really remember what or how it happened. Although I remember phoning the police, I don't actually remember the scratch or feeling hurt, which supports what the police report suggests: that there was no real injury and it was all a bit infantile.
14. Valdo was not in the house at the time. He came home with my mum later. The incident had finished well before he came home, and he was not involved in it.
15. Nothing like this ever happened again.
16. Given that I have been asked about this document, I think it is important to say that I have been close with my father for all my life. As I grew into my teenage years, as I think is typical of teenagers, I wanted more independence and started to push boundaries in general around minor things such as having to do chores, being more tidy, staying out late etc. When I left home for university and started

to mature more and have my own independence and space, I began to develop a closer relationship with my parents, including my dad.

17. I've been able to understand my dad much better as I grew into adulthood, and was much more appreciative of the sacrifices he made so that we could have a better life and better opportunities than he did. My dad has always been extremely hard-working to provide for us as a family, and is still doing so, and I owe my work ethic and never-give-up attitude to his example. I think Valdo also picked this up from a young age, as he has always been a hard worker who tried his best to support himself.

The messages between Valdo and me that were provided to Dr Seedat [NGPF0001787]

18. I had discussions with my parents about some of the events during the week prior to Valdo's first admission, as we were all worried about what was happening with Valdo during that week. I remember that we spoke about the phone calls we each had with Valdo where he was sounding incoherent and upset, and that he was really concerned about our safety as a family.
19. At some point I spoke with my mum about Valdo hearing voices, but I don't think I provided a lot of detail as I didn't have too much detail to share then. I also didn't really know how best to approach telling her about it as I really didn't know or understand what was happening.
20. At some point shortly after Valdo was admitted into hospital, I told mum I had been keeping a log of my conversations with Valdo, and that we should share those with the inpatient team so that they could figure out what was happening with Valdo. I had been keeping a log as I was trying to work out what was happening with him as it was so out of the blue, and I was trying to understand it.
21. I don't think I discussed the details of the messages with my family, partly because I was rushing to compile the document to pass on to the inpatient team by transcribing all of the messages and searching through my phone for anything

else that may be relevant. But also because it felt to me that the things Valdo was talking about were not real, so I thought the best way to understand them was through the expertise of the mental health services rather than speculating between ourselves.

22. The main purpose of preparing the document was to try and help the inpatient team come up with a diagnosis for Valdo's condition so they would be able to help him properly. When Valdo experienced his first crisis (which we didn't even understand at the time), we were desperately trying to figure out what was wrong. When Valdo was admitted into hospital, we wanted to know exactly what was happening with him, so we thought it was vital to provide the inpatient team with as much information as we possibly could, which is what we did.
23. I have been asked specifically about the messages I received from Valdo on 12 April 2020. The contents of the messages he sent that day did give me cause for concern particularly as I saw the most significant of these in relation to Valdo experiencing suicidal thoughts. In particular, in the following messages on page 17 of the document:

[14:52, 12/04/2020] Valdo: That previous night I felt immense anguish, paranoia, anger, hatred

[14:53, 12/04/2020] Valdo: Because of this spying/monetering thing.

[14:54, 12/04/2020] Valdo: Couldn't sleep, had the darkest thoughts of could imagine

[14:54, 12/04/2020] Valdo: Wanted to hurt... permanently...

[14:56, 12/04/2020] Valdo: It was overwhelming, so at some point something in me begged "take it away, nothing else, just take it away"

24. Valdo had never been a violent person so I immediately interpreted those messages as him wanting to hurt himself. I interpreted him having the "darkest thoughts" as a reference to suicide. This was partly because of what is transcribed, like the reference to something in him begging "take it away, nothing else, just take it away". I spoke to Valdo afterwards about this and he told me that he had been contemplating suicide, so the messages further made sense in that context. This is the conversation summarised at pages 19-20 of the document. I had not made notes of that conversation at the time so I only wrote

a brief summary of this in the document as it reflected a lot of what had been said in the What'sApp messages.

25. When we spoke, I remember Valdo talking about feeling persecuted and monitored, and that he was so down about it that he thought his life was over. I distinctly remember him describing in Portuguese feeling “uma angústia enorme”, which translates to “an enormous anguish”. He said that it was so overwhelming and all-consuming that he just couldn't take it anymore, didn't want to be here anymore and didn't want to be alive anymore.
26. I had seen my communications with Valdo on 12 April as Valdo trying to understand his experience through faith: He was feeling overwhelmed and suicidal and in that moment, he had prayed and woke up feeling what he described as the greatest peace he's ever felt. He was describing being lifted out of what he described as a dark place through something he did not quite understand and had interpreted through faith. We would often speak about faith and have theological discussions so I believe he thought I might be able to help him understand his experience in that regard.
27. I explained in paragraph 63 of my first statement how this exchange informed my view that Valdo would eventually hurt himself. By sending document NGPF0001787 to the inpatient team, I thought I was sharing these concerns with the people I believed were best placed to treat Valdo. I thought the messages on page 17 were obviously in relation to suicide and I didn't see how they could be read any other way, so I assumed the inpatient team shared my view that Valdo had contemplated suicide in the past as I genuinely thought the messages were self-explanatory. I think if someone had told me that these messages could be read as indicating a risk of harm to others, I would have explained why I had thought they were expressing thoughts of suicide.
28. On page 18, I have transcribed a number of messages on 12 April 2020 between 15.16 and 15.24, which include reference to 'red rum', feeling appreciation, and wanting people to know he loves them. At the time, I thought Valdo in this

passage of messages was expressing the idea that he, all of a sudden, had a new appreciation for life and didn't know why this was or where it came from, and wanted to understand if faith could explain it. I am not entirely sure how I read the reference to 'red rum' at the time – it was one of many messages that Valdo sent in a short space of time. I am not sure if I noticed this message specifically on 12 April or if I thought about it when I was compiling the messages but I have some recollection of thinking it might have been him referring to saying he had been thinking about having a drink. I did not think at the time that it referred to murder. If I had thought about it at the time, I do not think I would have appreciated that 'red rum' can be a reference to the film *The Shining*.

29. On pages 6 and 7 of NGPF0001787, I summarised my call with Valdo on 20 May including "*He talked about some of the events from two days ago, so I was able to work out this timeline: On the 18th (early hours of the morning I think) he watched a video about capital punishment and started writing his thoughts about it, and could then hear voices/people laughing and mocking*". I have a clear memory that Valdo told me that he had watched a video *about* capital punishment and that we had a passing conversation about the ethics of capital punishment still existing in the US in the context of him saying the voices had been laughing at him when he was writing about this. In attending the Inquiry, I have heard someone say in questions to witnesses that Valdo had watched a live-stream of capital punishment. This is absolutely not what he told me when we spoke on 20 May and it was clear that he had been watching a video about capital punishment.
30. I was not told whether this document was shared by Dr Seedat and I did not ask – I did not think I needed to. I assumed it was available to the whole inpatient team at the hospital. I saw no reason why this wouldn't be the case and never received any indication that it was not shared widely.
31. Since we never heard anything back regarding Valdo's diagnosis or any feedback on the document itself by the inpatient team, including from Dr Seedat, I assumed the document was not useful in helping them come up with a diagnosis or in helping with Valdo's treatment. And as a result, this made me

think that the document wasn't useful in general to understanding Valdo's condition and helping him, and was a bit of a waste of time. I thought I put all that effort into producing the document but it was pointless in the end as it either wasn't used, or wasn't helpful at all. It took me a long time to produce it.

32. We obtained a copy of Valdo's RiO notes before the Inquiry was announced but Dr Seedat's entry on 3 June 2020 [NHFT0000168_0021] is redacted so it was not until it was disclosed through the Inquiry that I learned that Dr Seedat did make use of the text messages to inform his diagnosis of Valdo and this is likely part of the reason he was able to come up with the diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia after Valdo's second admission.
33. It has been implied in a question to Dr Seedat that we as a family requested that this information not be shared with Valdo. This is false, no such request was made. The information was given openly for the benefit of Dr Seedat and his team, to aid them in understanding Valdo's condition so he could receive the best treatment.
34. I did not consider sharing the messages with the police. I understood the messages in terms of Valdo being unwell in a way I did not fully understand, being paranoid about some people that he thought were monitoring him, and hearing voices, which I understood not to be real, even though he thought they were. He asked about a technology/AI that could map his thoughts accurately enough to know them in real time. As explained above, my main concerns were around him contemplating suicide. I did not understand those messages to be Valdo threatening violence against others. I thought the best way to understand the messages was through the input of the mental health services, as experienced professionals. My understanding at the time was that if the mental health services found the messages useful or had any concerns about them, they would be best placed to tell us this, and to pass them on to any other relevant services like the police.

Statement of truth

I believe the content of this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Signed **GRO-B**

Dated: 05/05/2026

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