WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2013

Question

Will the Minister set out a detailed timeline showing from the time of the arrest of the woman known as HG to the moment she appeared in court to face charges of harassment, the times anyone interacted with her, who those interactions were with and the times at which witness statements were taken, the charges were drawn up and read to her?

Answer

This timeline covers the period from the time of arrest to the time when HG first appeared before a Magistrate. The timeline does not deal with routine interactions with the custody staff or other routine matters.

RECORD OF COMPLAINT, ARREST, DETENTION AND CHARGE OF 'HG'

TIME	DATE	TYPE	DETAIL
09:34 - 10:17	26 Sept 2010	Arrest	At 0934hrs on Sunday 26th September HG was arrested at her home address by a Police Constable. Another officer was also in attendance. She was calm and following caution answered the officer's question about the location of her laptop. She walked unaided to the police officers' car where she remained while a search of her room was carried out. While waiting in the car HG started to show slight signs of distress. On arrival at Rouge Bouillon Police Station (10:17) HG was able to walk to the custody suite. Once there she sat on the floor and began to show signs of distress. Despite repeated efforts to calm her down officers were unable to communicate with HG and she was eventually carried by three officers into a cell where she was placed on the floor and a cell guard posted. At this time the police Force Medical Examiner (FME) was unable to carry out any assessment of her due to her demeanour.
10:45	26 Sept 2010	Detention Authorised	Detention authorised by Police Sergeant on 26 September 2010 at 10:45:00. The grounds for detention are: I am satisfied that the arrest is lawful, proportionate and necessary. There is insufficient evidence to charge at this time. I authorise the detention for the purpose of obtaining evidence by questioning and process.
11:12	26 Sept 2010	Doctor (FME)	Doctor's comments: Removal to cell observed, not possible to assess because of agitation I suggest minimal stimulus in terms of intervention until HG is calmer and then assessment may be possible. Currently, fit for detention, I will assess fitness for interview at 12:45.

13:00	26 Sept 2010	Doctor	Fit for detention, I will review again in 2 hours.
13:10	26 Sept 2010	Duty Sergeant note of Medical Review	Task Medical Review Required completed. Comments: Medical review complete fit for detention FME to return in two hours.
15:00	26 Sept 2010	Duty Sergeant's entry	Police officers' notes: Appropriate adult located. After numerous phone calls to a number of agencies I have been put in touch with the on call Mental Health Social Worker via the hospital switch board and she has stated that she has heard of the HG and will be happy to act as an Appropriate adult. Will be attending at 17:30hrs.
15:04	26 Sept	Statement	Statement of first witness.
_	2010	recorded	
15:45			
15:48	26 Sept 2010	Duty Inspector	Duty Inspector's notes: I have attended with the intention of conducting the formal review of detention. However HG appears to be in a heavy sleep and is unresponsive to attempts to wake her. HG is in the care of the Custody staff and the FME is also in attendance. It is therefore intended to let the FME assess HG prior to additional attempts to conduct the review process.
16:00	26 Sept	Statement	Statement of second witness
_	2010	recorded	
17:00			
16:28	26 Sept 2010	Doctor	Seen in cell, since last review has stood and sung, now lying on the floor. Have spoken with Mental Health Social Worker who will read hospital notes prior to arrival. Fit for detention at present.
17:20	26 Sept	Statement	Statement of third witness
-	2010	Recorded	
17:45			
17:43	26 Sept 2010	Doctor	I have contacted the duty consultant psychiatrist directly, who will attend in due course.
18:21	26 Sept	Doctor	Seen by duty Consultant Psychiatrist, for detention, no mental
10.21	2010	Doctor	illness.
19:30	26 Sept	Statement	Statement of Arresting Officer
-	2010	recorded	
19:45			
19:47	26 Sept 2010	Entry	Charged by Centenier and remanded in custody. Pleaded guilty after charge.

21:43	26 Sept 2010	PACE Status Changed	PACE status changed from PACE to Non PACE for the following reason: Centenier has refused bail in order to prevent further offences
			Held at Police HQ overnight
07:52	27 Sept 2010	Doctor (FME) Comments	No evidence of dehydration although not drinking fit for detention and court
09:50	27 Sept 2010	ENTRY	Handed to court officers and taken to court
10:00	27 Sept 2010	Magistrate's Court Sitting	Seen by Duty Advocate. Appeared before a Magistrate. Represented by the Duty Advocate.