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Mother's Statement:

Friday: I went to Isipingo to do some shopping. When I came back I was told by my neighbour's (the Nkomos) that a woman from Gwamelani who is a Social Worker came looking for babies to join a Baby Competition. She said the 'Social worker' was going to come back on Saturday. She did not come on Saturday.

~~27-10-90~~ She did not come on Sunday.

Monday: At about 10.30 a child came to tell me that The Social worker has arrived. The baby (Sirethemba) was asleep. I locked the house and went to the Nkomos house. When I got there, the 'Social Worker', explained to me that she is going round selecting babies for the Competition. She told me that I had to go to "A" Section Clinic with the baby's Clinic Card for the Nurses there to certify that the baby is fit. I was reluctant at first, but Mrs Nkomo and her sister-in-law (Busie), convinced me that there was nothing wrong. Eventually I agreed.

I went back to the house, decided to go and tell my husband because he was not far from the house, he also did not like the idea at first, but I explained to him and I was helped by one of our neighbours. He agreed that I was to go with the child. He gave me R10 in case I had problems when I was in town after the Competition.

I went back to the house, washed the baby, I wrapped the baby in a towel, because the "Social Worker" had come with the "clothes" to dress the baby. I got dressed, I sent one of my twin daughters to go and call the "Social Worker" to come up to the house. "She" was still at Nkomo's place. The reply came that she was all right at Nkomo's house, I was to come down with the baby. Before I could go down Mrs Nkomo came and took the baby, I also followed, Mrs Nkomo dressed the baby herself.

Then I left the Nkomo's house with the baby in the Social Workers hands, I was to take a taxi to "H Section" and attend to the baby's clinic card, and thereafter follow them to "Enaweleini" to join the Social Worker and the baby and then after some "procedure" at Enaweleini, we were to proceed to town to the "Competition."

I went to "H" Section Clinic, when I got there, the nurses did not know anything about any cards that has to be stamped for the competition. I went to Enaweleini, getting confused, on arrival, There was no Social Worker, no Baby. Nobody knew anything about the baby competition. The people at Enaweleini advised me to go to the police. I decided to come and get Mrs Nkomo to accompany me, and another problem was how to tell my husband, because when I came back from Enaweleini, my husband, was asleep, as

he was working on night duty. We decided to go to the Police first.

We were delayed at the Police Station but we did report to Sgt Nicolas. When we arrived back home my husband had left for work, ~~so~~ it was after five (5) we had to phone him ~~at~~ at work.

We told him about everything when he got back the following morning.

Since then nothing has been heard from the police.

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2. SITHIWE CHILE (18) (Q)
scholar
3. Xolani Ndlovu (17) (Q)
scholar
4. Wellington Meyiwa (23) (Q)
5. Brian Ngubane. scholar.

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