

Mallins (could be male or female, any age)

Humphrey (*standing*) Please state your full name.

Mallins Dr Mallins.

Humphrey And what is your profession?

Mallins I am a Home Office pathologist.

Humphrey Did you examine the body of Carla Moorland at her flat on Friday the 17th of February?

Mallins I did.

Humphrey Did you carry out the post-mortem?

Mallins Yes, later that night.

Humphrey Please tell the court what injuries you found.

Mallins I removed the skin from Miss Moorland's face and found her jaw was broken in two places. (*demonstrates*) Here and here. There was bruising on the upper part of her chest and on the upper part of her arms around the bicep area. There was also a cut on her throat, (*demonstrates*) about here, and a number of lacerations between the base of the skull and back of the head.

Humphrey Were you able to deduce from this the cause of her death?

Mallins No, not until after removal of the brain. Then, following examination of that and the inside of the skull I concluded death was by contusion of the brain due to blunt trauma.

Humphrey You found Miss Moorland's blood and traces of hair in several places on the floor, is that correct?

Mallins Yes.

Humphrey How might this have occurred?

Mallins Miss Moorland was not killed instantly. Death probably occurred ten or fifteen minutes after the blow. During this time she would have been in a semi-conscious state. The blood stains were caused as she collapsed back on to the carpet, moved, then collapsed again.

Humphrey You said Miss Moorland's jaw was broken. Do you know how this might have happened?

Mallins By a blow to the left side of her face.

Humphrey Could you tell what caused this?

Mallins Probably a punch with a fist. Two teeth in her lower jaw and four teeth in the upper were badly displaced. The mandible, the lower jaw, was broken on both sides, as if it had been forcibly displaced from the front and side - about here. Examination of the bone showed it had been broken from left to right.

Humphrey Consistent with a punch delivered by a right hand?

Mallins Yes.

Humphrey Where was the bruising on Miss Moorland's chest?

Mallins Here, at the top of the sternum.

Humphrey Dr Mallins, how do you think the bruising occurred?

Mallins Either by a blow, or as you suggest, in a kind of throttle, in which the clothes were bunched - sort of like this. *(He crumples his own shirt)*
