

NG5

11/09/11
285

NG5

AFFIDAVIT

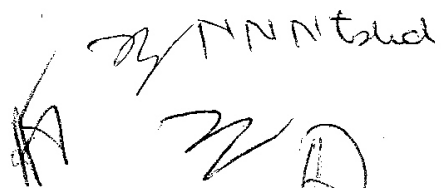
I, the undersigned

NANDIPHA "NANCY" NTSHOLO

do hereby make oath and state as follows:



1. I am Nandipha Ntsholo. People call me Nancy. My ID number is 7710130294082. I am a volunteer in the Gugulethu Branch of the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC). I am a person living with HIV.
2. The facts contained herein are true and correct, are within my personal knowledge and are based on my personal experience.
3. I have attended treatment literacy training and TAC education around access to treatment.
4. There is a woman near where I live named Mama Matshoba. This is in an informal settlement called Kiki, Gugulethu. She is a SANCO member. She handed me a pamphlet of the Rath Foundation. The pamphlet is headed "Last Days of the TAC."
5. In Mama Matshoba's family there is a woman who is HIV positive.
6. Mama Matshoba sent this woman's sister to talk to me because she knows I am HIV positive. She wanted me to know about a new doctor who "cures" HIV named Dr Rath. She wanted to go to Dr Rath's surgery in Khayelitsha Site C in the Child Welfare Centre on Nyandeni Street. what symptoms I have.
7. She wanted to know about a new doctor who "cures" HIV named Dr Rath. She wanted to go to Dr Rath's surgery in Khayelitsha Site C in the Child Welfare Centre on Nyandeni Street.
8. The night before we were scheduled to go to Dr Rath I received a phone-call from an unknown person. It was a woman. She said that she knows I am HIV positive and she wanted to know what symptoms I have.


(Name)
NANDIPHA NTSHOLO


NANDIPHA NTSHOLO




9. I told her that I have TB, for which I have been on treatment for 3 weeks, and that I am in Stage 4 of HIV. The woman who phoned asked me to organise more people and I did then organise two more people.
10. The people who went to the clinic were me and the two people I organised, Zukile Ngqase and Bongwiwe. The woman from Mama Matshoba's family could not come because she had to go and collect her antiretroviral medication from Jooste Hospital.
11. The next day we arrived at Dr Rath's clinic at the Child Welfare centre in Khayelitsha Site C. The clinic is in a pink container on the premises.
12. Upon arrival we had to fill in a question form asking many questions about diet, food allergies, sleep, rashes, symptoms and other general question about residence and employment. I signed this form.
13. The doctor who saw us and a white lady asked if I was HIV-positive. I said yes.
14. I was then taken for a blood test, whereupon blood was drawn from my arm. They did not explain the reason for taking this blood. I did not feel that I was given a choice about having my blood taken. The doctor who took the blood noticed we were nervous about this and said that her patients were scared today.
15. I was then told to strip naked, except for my panties, for a photograph. A white woman takes the photographs, even of men, like Zukile Ngqase whom I was with.
16. We were told that the photograph was compulsory. It is usual for the photograph to include the face, but I insisted that it be neck-down in my case. This was accepted. The reason I was given for the photograph was so that it could be used to demonstrate to the South African government the efficacy of the treatment Dr Rath prescribes.
17. Some pictures of abnormalities on my skin were also taken. I happened to ask what I should use to treat a black spot on my arm and I was told something alcoholic like brandy would work.
18. The doctor who attended to me was a black female. I think I recognised her from one of the local public clinics.

 2013/2015

 NN Ntshole


19. A white woman gave me medicines.
20. Photographs showing what these medicines look like are attached as NN1, NN2, NN3 and NN4.
21. I was given a medicine powder called Lysin C-Drink Mix to be taken as 1 Scoop 2 times a day.
22. I was also given a medicine called Vitacore Plus to be taken 3 tablets 3 times a day.
23. I was also given a medicine called Epican to be taken 3 tablets 3 times day.
24. The white woman said these medicines help the immune system. She also explained that any illness would be helped by these medicines because they boost the immune system.
25. I asked whether the treatment I would be given at the Rath Clinic would cause any side-effects. I was told that diarrhea was the only possible side-effect and that I could treat this by eating bananas and reducing the dosage of the powder medicine.
26. I asked where Dr Rath himself was but I was not granted an audience with him. They asked me why I wanted to meet him and I replied, untruthfully, that I wanted to compliment him.
27. I was given a lot of large tablets to take. The regimen is 18 tablets per day (taken in doses of 6, three times per day) for 9 days. I was not charged for the tablets. I was told the total value of the tablets I had been given was R1,500.00. It was not made clear whether I would be charged for further doses of tablets.
28. After the medical examination we were all given fish and chips to eat.
29. I was told that my next appointment is Friday 18th March. I was told that the clinic may be moving from Site C to Nyanga and that I will be phoned regarding this.
30. The reason I went to the clinic was not because I believe in the medication but to gather information.
31. I was not given any literature or written information at the Rath Clinic.
32. I met two people at the Rath Clinic who have HIV and they attend Groote Schuur Hospital and Michael Maphongwana Clinic.


(Gull)
2013 26/11/13

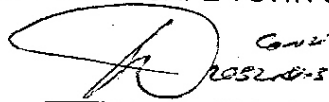
  NNNT=660


33. The one going to Groote Schuur told me she has a CD4 count of 87. This means she has AIDS and needs antiretroviral treatment. I also noticed her swollen lymph glands. She told me that she is not going to take antiretrovirals because of the information supplied by the Dr Rath Foundation which says that they are toxic and cause death.
34. The one going to Michael Maphongwane clinic also said she would not take antiretrovirals.
35. Based on my experience of going to the Rath clinic, it is my view that the clinic has been setup to pretend to treat people with AIDS using Rath's medicines instead of antiretrovirals.
36. I am concerned that the Rath Foundation is endangering people's lives by making patients think that Rath's medicines can be used instead of antiretrovirals for treating AIDS.

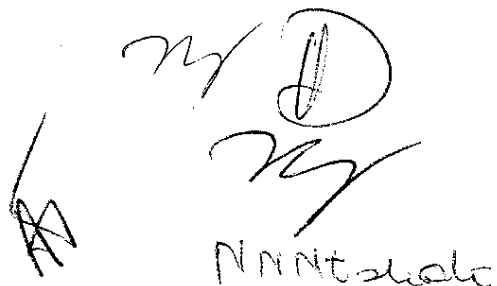
NANCY NTSHOLO

I CERTIFY THAT THE DEPONENT ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT SHE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENT OF THIS DECLARATION, THAT SHE HAS NO OBJECTION TO TAKING THIS PRESCRIBED OATH AND CONSIDERS IT TO BE BINDING ON HER CONSCIENCE.

THUS SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME AT CAPE TOWN ON THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2005.



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS



Handwritten initials 'AN' and a signature 'NANCY NTSHOLO'.