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MR. [REDACTED]: May it please your Honour, I appear for James McKee with my learned Friend Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. McKee is 48 years of age. His date of birth is 17 March 1954. As you will see from the voluminous reports, your Honour, he was originally born in Northern Ireland but his father was in the Royal Navy and he spent a large part of his life in England, reared in the Portsmouth area. He left school at fifteen and a half, was in the Royal Navy for four and a half years and has had an excellent work record since that date, culminating with him becoming a martial arts instructor in the early 1990s, very highly qualified in that regard and, as you can see from the references, your Honour, very highly thought of in that particular capacity and I will come back to that shortly.

He married for the second time in 1991. He had just returned to Northern Ireland with his wife. He has three children to his first marriage aged 28, 25 and 18. He came back, as you have already heard, to this jurisdiction in 1989/1990, married, and having been reared and spent most of his life in England he had no connections really with the jurisdiction apart from the fact that his wife was from here.

Therefore it is against that background, very brief background which is set out in great detail in the reports, that the