

**RESTRICTED**

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

STATEMENT OF: PATRICIA MURPHY  
Name

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "Over 21"): OVER 18

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004

W MCDOWELL

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received

PATRICIA MURPHY

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am a Detective Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland currently attached to Regional Crime Squad South Region. On Sunday 21/12/03 at about 10.15 am I received a telephone call to my home from [J]. He informed me that Andrea McKee a crown witness in the case of R -v- Atkinson and others was unable to attend court on Monday 22/12/03 because her son was ill. He further stated that [K] was aware of the situation and that he had directed that I contact Andrea to establish the facts and to ascertain if we could help her situation in any way. At about 10.30 am I spoke to Andrea and she stated that her son [REDACTED] had mumps and ophthalmitis, which she explained, was swelling of the testicles. She further stated that there was a fear that the child could have a fit due to his high temperature. Andrea explained that the child's illness had started two weeks ago with an ear infection and since then [REDACTED] has seen the doctor twice at the surgery and once at home and he is to see the doctor again tomorrow morning. She stated that he had been prescribed Amoxicillin and Calpol by [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] in Wrexham. I asked Andrea if there was anything that we could do to help and she said "No not at the moment" she said her child was sick and she was not prepared to leave him with anyone. Andrea was very apologetic but said she could not attend court with her child so sick. I enquired if she could attend on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and she said "definitely not". I also asked if she thought she might be able to attend the following Monday and Tuesday. She didn't know about this but felt that she would have to say no as she didn't know how much better

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