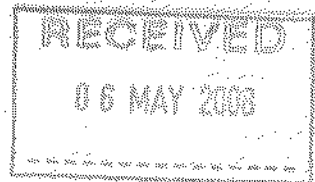


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF MARK ANTHONY ARDIS

DATED THIS DAY *1st* OF *MAY* 2008

I, Mark Anthony Ardis declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
2. I retired from the Police Service for Northern Ireland in April 2007. In April 1997 I was a police constable, scenes of crime officer, stationed at Mahon Road, Portadown.
3. I was trained as a scene of crime officer in 1985 and for sometime after that I did relief work covering for other officers who were absent and then I was posted to fill a vacancy at Portadown. The scene of crime office at Portadown was a mixture of police constables and civilian staff. We were supervised by the CID office at Portadown and were a J Division resource. When I retired the Mahon Road office at Portadown had six scenes of crime officers with a civilian principal crime scene investigator and the management of the department was then civilian.
4. As part of my training I had experience in scene examination, major crime scene examination, fingerprints and photography. I would take photographs of everyday scenes but serious crime scenes would be taken by someone from the photography department.

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