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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ROBERT DAVID COOKE

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, ROBERT DAVID COOKE, 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 which 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. In 1997 I was a Detective Superintendent at Crime Branch and based in Knocknagoney. I was in 'C2' Department, which was responsible for prosecution policy. My other responsibilities included the review of evidence on prosecution files submitted via the Chief Constable to the Department of Public Prosecutions ("DPP"). Within the Department I was responsible for Belfast Region. Detective Superintendent Harvey was responsible for Urban Region. Portadown was within Urban Region and I would not normally have been involved in matters arising in Portadown.
3. If Detective Superintendent Harvey was absent I would take over responsibility for Urban Region. In mid-October 1997, Detective Superintendent Harvey was off work so I stepped in to cover the consultations fixed for 17 and 21 October 1997. I attended the consultations to represent the Chief Constable. There is now produced and shown to me the note of the consultation prepared by Roger Davison containing pages 17591 to 17592. Detective Superintendent [REDACTED] and I were sometimes asked to attend consultations to act as a buffer and represent the Chief