

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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STATEMENT OF DENISE CORNETT

DATED THIS 28 DAY OF MARCH 2008

I, DENISE CORNETT, 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 full time Reserve Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary and I was stationed in Portadown as part of the local section. I had not been stationed there long, having previously been stationed in Dungannon in County Tyrone, where I was attached to a Mobile Support Unit for two or three years.
3. As a Reserve Constable I had 3 months training in Garnerville in Belfast and I also received separate training in public order duty as part of my Mobile Support Unit training. At the time I was trained in First Aid. I had no training in preserving forensic evidence or scene preservation generally.
4. On 26 April 1997 I reported for duty at 16:00. My shift was to end at midnight, however I was asked to cover for someone from midnight until 03:00 performing public order duties. I recall that I did not end up finishing my shift until around 04:00.
5. At the commencement of my public order duties, I was briefed to pay particular attention to the town centre within the barriers. The barriers to the town centre were closed, usually at midnight, and one of them was manned at Edward Street. I cannot now recall who it was that briefed me. I do not think I

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