



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF J [redacted]

DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2006

1. I, J [redacted] of an address known to the Robert Hamill Inquiry, 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.
2. I am an officer in the PSNI but have been on sick leave since July 2004. In April 1997, I was attached to regional Crime Squad at Gough Barracks in Armagh. I reported to Acting Detective Inspector H [redacted] I was not involved in the murder investigation or the investigation of the complaint. My first involvement in the Robert Hamill case was around April 2001 working with K [redacted] the SIO.
3. On 10 April 2001, I was involved in the arrest and interview of Michael McKee. During that interview he admitted his part in the conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. I was aware that he had received a threat but I can't now recall whether that arose during the interview. I was also involved in the analysis of telephone billing and the finger-printing of the threatening letter. I think the analysis of the finger-prints included the finger-printing of Robert Atkinson. A copy of the interview is now produced and shown to me marked "J [redacted] CI".
4. Between the 12 and 19 April, I was involved in the listening post based at Castlereagh in relation to the listening device placed at McKee's home, which I understand was part of the intrusive surveillance operation of the McKees' and Atkinsons' homes. I understand same was compromised but I do not know how it was compromised. Prior to the operation I was briefed by Colville Stewart. There were about 60 officers involved in that operation but I don't believe there were any officers from Portadown involved in the operation. Furthermore, we were not told the exact nature or location of the listening post duties.