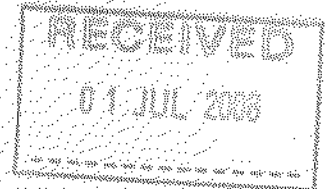


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF ALAN GEORGE McCRUM

DATED THIS 20 DAY OF JUNE 2008

I, ALAN GEORGE McCRUM, 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. I am a Superintendent in the PSNI. I have served in the police force for over 23 years. In April 1997, I was an RUC uniformed Inspector in 'J' division stationed at Portadown and had been stationed there since September 1996. On 26 April 1997, I was the night duty Inspector for 'J' Division, with responsibility for the three sub divisions of Portadown, Lurgan and Banbridge. Each sub division would have had a sergeant to assist me.
3. The Woodhouse/Market Street junction in the centre of Portadown was a known flashpoint interface for sectarian violence because of the route from Woodhouse Street in towards the area known as 'The Tunnel' and Obins Street which was a predominantly Nationalist area within a predominately Unionist town.
4. Referring to my notebook entry [Page 9960] on 27 April 1997, I see that at approximately 01.51am, I was informed by Constable Godly (Communications Operator) that there was a disorder taking place in the Market Street area of Portadown. He told me that there were opposing factions fighting in Market Street and that the officers at the scene were in need of immediate assistance. There was no mention of casualties at that stage. I always treated such incidents as a critical priority so I directed immediately that all available back-up be sent