



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF P42

DATED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June 2006

1. I, P42 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 have no memory whatever of events surrounding the Robert Hamill case. I was seriously injured at work and have suffered from ill-health including depression and it has rendered me extremely forgetful about everything, not just this case. I rely on my wife and father-in-law now for her<sup>the IR</sup> assistance as to what happened.
3. I am able to confirm that the anonymous letter, which was handed to the police recording what I saw on the evening of 26 April 1997, contained my words, typed by my wife and handed in by Maurice Hewitt. I put everything I saw in that letter. I did it anonymously as I was fearful for my safety if identified as someone giving evidence to the police. A copy of the letter is now produced and shown to me marked "P42".
4. In April 1997, I was living <sup>in</sup> on Thomas Street in a flat which overlooked the junction of Market Street and Thomas Street. I could see the junction quite clearly from my window and could hear noise from the street as I always left my window open. I was awoken by a noise and looked outside.
5. I thought it was just a regular Saturday night scuffle. It looked like a regular crowd for the town centre. It was later when I saw additional police cars turn up that I thought maybe it had been more serious than usual. I can't remember what I saw so the letter is my only source of reference.