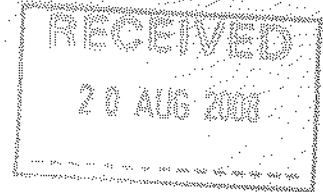


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF DARREN PAUL WRIGHT

DATED THIS DAY 18TH OF AUGUST 2008

I, DARREN PAUL WRIGHT 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 April 2001 I was an Investigating Officer employed by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland. I had joined the Ombudsman's office in November 2000 and was engaged on the investigation of complaints against the police in Northern Ireland. I had received training in the nationally approved method of conducting interviews. I previously worked for the Leicestershire Constabulary as a researcher and prior to my work in Belfast I was employed by a local authority as a policy officer specifically looking at failing council services under the best value regime.
3. I am now employed by Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission in Dublin as a senior investigating officer a role I took up in March 2007.
4. On 10 April 2001 I was asked to attend Armagh with another Police Ombudsman investigator, [REDACTED]. We met Chris Mahaffey a senior investigating officer employed by the Ombudsman and two other investigators from the office, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Charlemont Arms Hotel in Armagh city. Chris Mahaffey briefed us all on developments of that day and the previous few days regarding a co-ordinated arrest operation run by the PSNI.