

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF DERECK BRADLEY

DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December 2008

I, DERECK BRADLEY, 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 served with the RUC between 1970 and 2001. I retired in May 2001. In 1997, I was a Detective Sergeant attached to CID in Portadown. I had been stationed in Portadown for five years by then. In terms of training, I went on a ten week course at Hendon in 1982 in criminal investigations and I attended a refresher course in 1985. I also attended a tape recording training course in 1992 and an interview technique course in 1999 or 2000.
3. My first involvement in the Robert Hamill investigation was on Monday 28 April 1997. I had been off work for a few days and it was my first day back.
4. It was a very busy period. There had been three major incidents in the area. There was a very serious assault in Banbridge, a bomb scare/riot in Lurgan and the serious assault on Robert Hamill. Detective Inspector Michael Irwin had left to deal with the investigation in Banbridge and Detective Chief Inspector **P39** stayed in Portadown and took charge of the Hamill investigation. I took directions from her in the initial stages, certainly while it remained a GBH investigation.