

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF P18

DATED THIS DAY *3<sup>rd</sup>* OF *December* 2008

I, P18 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 I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. In April 1997 I was a Detective Constable stationed at Portadown. I had joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1969 and after a period in uniform I was posted to CID in 1974. I served at Dungannon and on the Regional Crime Squad before moving to Portadown in 1991. I remained as a Detective Constable at Portadown until I retired from the police in 2002.
2. I have been asked to recall my involvement in the investigation into the murder of Robert Hamill. I have a limited memory of my involvement and I rely on statements and my notebook to assist my recall of events.
3. On 27 April 1997 I was on rest day and at 9am on Monday 28 April 1997 I paraded for duty to Banbridge police station in connection with another investigation not linked to the Hamill case. After completing my inquiries at Banbridge I returned to Portadown at 12noon. I was aware that a serious assault had taken place in Portadown the previous day but I cannot now recall how and by whom I was briefed. I recorded in my notebook [page 73919] that I carried out enquiries with DC Keys at the Alliance and Leicester Building Society and the Northern Bank regarding videos from CCTV systems at those premises. I do not recall viewing any videos neither do I recall visiting other premises.
4. I have would have thought that if video tapes were seized for viewing that they would have been entered into the inquiry system even though they may have proved to be of no evidential benefit. I believe that I just went with DC Keys on the CCTV enquiry I cannot recall anything further regarding the viewing or seizure of tapes.