

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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DATED THIS 30 DAY OF March 2009

I, H, 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 presently an Acting Detective Inspector of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). In 1997, I was a Detective Sergeant attached to the Regional Crime Squad at Gough Barracks, Armagh. I had been a Detective from May 1984 and a Detective Sergeant from February 1990. I therefore had considerable experience investigating major crime.
3. I was not involved in the investigation of the murder of Robert Hamill (the "murder investigation"). My first involvement in any matter arising from the death of Robert Hamill was the investigation into the alleged conspiracy to pervert the course of justice (the "conspiracy investigation"). The conspiracy investigation was separate and discreet from the murder investigation. I believe other officers were tasked to review the murder investigation, but I did not know who the Senior Investigating Officer ("SIO") was for the murder investigation. The investigations did not overlap in any material way.
4. I believe I became involved in the conspiracy investigation sometime in 2000, perhaps in the summer. It is my recollection that Detective Chief Superintendent