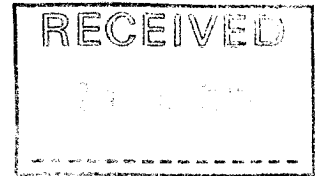


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MAHAFFEY

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF July 2009

I, CHRISTOPHER MAHAFFEY, 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. 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. was I ~~am~~ a Senior Investigating Officer employed by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and in this role I have investigated and supervised investigations surrounding the death of Robert Hamill.
3. I have made previous statements in connection with those investigations and prepared reports into the allegations.
4. On commencing work with the Police Ombudsman I was identified as the person who would have responsibility for the Hamill investigations. I had access to the ICPC file papers and Mr. Greg Mullan was available for any queries that I had in connection with the file he having been involved in the initial supervised complaint made by the Hamill family. In November 2000 I had my first meeting with Mr. Barra McGrory the Hamill family solicitor.
5. The Police Ombudsman has powers under the Police [Northern Ireland] Act of 1998. The supervision and investigation of complaints against police or malpractice are covered under sections 55[4] and 55[6] of the Act.