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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ALF ANNESLEY

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, ALF ANNESLEY, of an address known to the Robert Hamill Inquiry, 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 1997, I worked as a driver for Call-A-Cab in Portadown. I had worked for them for 12 to 13 years at that stage and continued to drive taxis in Portadown until 2002, when I retired on medical grounds.
3. Our practice was that when a customer called for a taxi the call would be logged on a call sheet in the office. The customer would give their name, the pick-up address, the time for pick-up and the general area where they were going. Then the girl in the office would find me if I'm the driver closest to the pick-up, she wouldn't tend to tell me where I'm going, I just picked the customer up, they told me where they were going and I took them there. The pick-up time marked in the log was not necessarily the actual time you picked up the customer. You could be anything up to a half an hour late on a job.
4. I cannot remember making a previous statement to the police but am told I did sign a statement dated 7 November 2000. I don't deny I made it but I simply can't remember. I note from that statement that I am asked about a job at an address, the

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name of which has been redacted. A copy of the statement is now produced and shown to me at page 17367.

5. The address doesn't ring a bell for me, it is not a regular customer and the names Rodney Smyth and Joy Kitchen mean nothing to me. I have no recollection of picking up from that address but I had been working from 5.00pm that Saturday to probably 3.00am or 4.00am in the morning and you'll have umpteen people would have had maybe 10 or 12 calls between 8pm and 3am. I can say, however, that at that time of night the journey from that address to Thomas Street would have taken about 10 to 15 minutes at the most, if they didn't make any other stops.

SIGNED:


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ALF ANNESLEY

DATED:

14/5/07
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