



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF CHARLES DONALD ANDREWS

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF June 2008

I, CHARLES DONALD ANDREWS, 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.

2. 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.
3. In April 1997, I was a Constable attached to 'J2' Mobile Support Unit ("MSU") based at Mahon Road. My first involvement in the Robert Hamill case was on 6 May 1997 when I attended a search at the home of Stacey Bridgett. I remember that only because there has now been produced and shown to me the statement of Constable P34 containing page numbers 780 to 781. I would have made a statement myself on that day but there does not appear to have a record of it.
4. According to Constable P34 statement we searched Bridgett's house and seized a 'Watsons' checked shirt, a black 'Calvin Klein' shirt, a blue checked 'Ralph Lauren' shirt, a purple/yellow checked 'Ralph Lauren' shirt, grey 'Sonneti' cords, a pair of cream 'Replay' jeans and a pair of black shoe/booties. The search lasted 25 minutes.
5. There has now been produced and shown to me my statement dated 17 January 2001, containing page number 21743 deals with the search of the home of Allister Hanvey and his parents. It records that I attended a briefing to carry out the search

at approximately 7am on Saturday 10 May 1997 in Portadown Police Station. I believe that DC John McAteer was present. The briefing, as I recall, was given by CID. There is now produced and shown to me the statement of Constable Porter at page **9292** who states that the briefing was conducted by DI Irwin but I cannot remember who gave the briefing.

6. I made a note book entry of the briefing and, as a rule I would have noted who gave the briefing. However, I do not have a copy of my note book for the purposes of this statement as it went missing during my transfer from Mahon Road to Banbridge.
7. I recall that Sergeant Bingham was in charge of the search team, which was called Team A. This team consisted of Constable Porter and me. Teams are a way of dividing up a house for search purposes and are a way of keeping control on the search, so that you know where a team is at a particular time. There could be a number of teams. Smaller searches, such as the one in this case, require only one or two teams. I cannot now recall if Sergeant Bingham provided me or any other members of the team with further instructions as to the conduct of the search.
8. There is now produced and shown to me a copy of the Form 29 search record containing pages **51337 to 51348**. I see that Constable Porter and I carried out a search of Allister Hanvey's bedroom. We were the only search team that day and the only officers who physically searched the premises. Constable Porter seized a pair of dark blue jeans, a pair of white and black trainers and a black padded jacket. Based on what is recorded in my 2001 statement, I was searching the address for clothing and trainers. I do not recall being asked to look for anything specific, for example burnt clothing or a silver or grey jacket.
9. I cannot recall whether there were other items of clothing in the bedroom but the three items listed were the only ones seized. The search that is carried out depends on the briefing that you are given. Sometimes we would be tasked just to search one

particular room and sometimes we would be tasked to search the whole house. I do not recall the wording of that particular briefing but the search log certainly suggests to me that the bedroom was the only place that we were required to search.

10. The briefing would be based on the warrant. There has now been produced and shown to me a copy of the warrant to enter and search dated 10 May 1997 containing pages **51350**. The warrant specifies that the articles sought as trainers and clothing.
11. According to the search record, Constable **P34** was present as the log keeper. The log keeper would have usually received a search warrant and a blank Form 29 although I cannot confirm if this was given to Constable **P34**. In that role, he would keep a record of the search from when the premises were entered, he would also give people their rights and carry out pre-search checks.
12. All of the various times would be noted by the log keeper, including the times when questions were put and when the search moved from room to room. The officers conducting the search have to be logged out of a room and cannot enter another room until the log keeper states that it can be entered. According to the log, Constable Porter and myself entered the house at 7.27am and commenced the search of bedroom one. We completed the search of bedroom one at 7.40 am. According to the record we left at 7.46 but I do not personally remember when we left.
13. The search lasted for 13 minutes. Before departure from the premises the articles seized would have been bagged by Constable Porter. We would also have done a check of the bedroom for any damage.
14. I am not able to say why the other rooms in the house were not searched. It does not necessarily strike me as strange that only one room was searched as this would

depend on the briefing that had been given. Certainly from the record it looks as if we were only required to search one room.

15. I do not know why only three items were seized. There may well have been other items of clothing in Allister Hanvey's bedroom but I cannot now recall. I do not have any recollection of any clothing now. According to Constable Porter's statement Mr Hanvey identified the clothing as his own. If he wasn't present in the bedroom at the time of the search then he would have been called at some stage to identify them. Allister Hanvey was arrested by Detective Constable McAteer.
16. Looking at the record at page **51342** I can see that the occupier, Kenneth Hanvey was present as well as six others. I vaguely recall there being people in the house but that is about as much as I can say. I do not recall that we faced any obstruction in conducting the search. I do know that it was not a violent search compared to some that we do.
17. We probably did have a debriefing once the search was finished. Sometimes we would have debriefings in the CID office or back at Mahon Road but I do not recall on this occasion. I would have made a witness statement on the day of the search in accordance with our practice. Even if you had very little to deliver following a search, a statement was always made. Although I have seen a copy of Constable Porter's statement, my statement does not appear to have been located.
18. I would not have anything to do with the seized items. Constable Porter states that he handed the items to Detective Constable John McDowell at the Portadown CID office but I do not know what would have been done with them after that.
19. I was not aware that Allister Hanvey's home was searched again on 13 May 1997 and do not know what the reason for that was. I was not consulted about that. I had no further involvement in the Robert Hamill investigation. I had no involvement in

the investigation of the complaint or in the investigation of Reserve Constable Atkinson.

SIGNED: *CD Andrews*
CHARLES DONALD ANDREWS

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