



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF RACHEL MURPHY

DATED THIS 01 DAY OF Aug 2006

1. I, RACHEL MURPHY, 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.
2. Copies of statements, which I have previously made, are now produced and shown to me marked "RM1" and I can confirm the contents of those statement are true.
3. I am currently a quality ^{RM of RM} and service officer with the PSNI in Banbridge. In April 1997, I was attached to Mahon Road police station. My first involvement in this matter was the search of Marc Hobson's premises on 10 May 1997. My role was as log-keeper which meant that I kept a record of the search but I did not physically search the premises. The search pack would not have contained a list of items being looked for; that would be told to us at the briefing and then entered in the search log. During that briefing I can remember my colleagues Constables Ward and Ritchie being present. I was briefed by Detective Inspector Michael Irwin.
4. During a search the log-keeper would enter first to do a detailed damage check before the search team was allowed in. Once the search team completed a room they would tell me and I would document that. I stayed centrally in the premises. I believe that no items were seized during the search of Marc Hobson's premises. I cannot recall who was present during the search and that information is not recorded in my statement. I can't recall whether and if so to what extent we were de-briefed after the search.
5. On 13 May 1997, I was involved in a further two searches the first being at Elizabeth Hanvey's premises. I was briefed by Detective Constable McCrumlish and we were told to conduct a search

relating to a murder and were looking for articles of clothing. I was log-keeper again carrying out the same duty as outlined above. I was also however the team leader of that search which meant I had to sort out any problems that arose. That search went smoothly as far as I recall. ██████████ Elizabeth and Kenneth Hanvey were present during the search, with Kenneth arriving in the middle of the search. I can't recall if we were asked to search for particular items but if we had been I would expect it to be recorded in my notebook and it's not recorded there. A copy of the notebook entry is now produced and shown to me marked "RM2". The physical searching was carried out by Constables Ward and Ritchie. Two CID officers P5 and McCrumlish attended the search, which wasn't very unusual. I can't say for sure whether a search was conducted outside the premises but I would expect it to be on the log, which it isn't, so I think not. Nothing was seized from the premises.

6. When the search was complete we moved directly to Thomas Hanvey's premises. I was log-keeper and team leader again. DC McCrumlish was the briefing officer on that search also. We were briefed to search the house and look for clothing. It was exactly the same team that attended the search. The search comprised one bedroom, bathroom, hall way, kitchen and living room. There mustn't have been a search outside because there is no reference in the log or my notebook. Nothing was seized during this search. Thomas Hanvey and Nicola Armstrong were present during the search. I don't recall whether we were de-briefed following the search.
7. The only other involvement I had in the investigation of the murder of Robert Hamill was to certify some statements. I had no involvement in, or knowledge of, the other investigations.

SIGNED: *Rachel Murphy*

DATED: 01.08.06