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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JULIAN LYONS

DATED THIS

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*[Signature]*

I, JULIAN LYONS, 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. In 1996 I was the proprietor of Paranoid, a clothing shop in Portadown. I think I had two other shops although one of these would have been in Belfast and I am not sure if this would have been open in 1996.
2. I recall that, on several occasions in 2001, I was seen by the police regarding a jacket that was purchased from my shop by a girl called Tracey Clarke in 1996. I knew Tracey and her boyfriend Allister Hanvey as customers only. I would not have known their surnames until they were pointed out to me afterwards.
3. I recall selling Tracey a blue Daniel Poole puffa jacket, which was a just above the knee length, duck-tail 'puffa' jacket with a silver cross. I am not sure if the cross was on the back or the arms of the jacket but I think it was on the back. The jacket was purchased on the lay-by system, whereby she initially gave a deposit, we held the jacket until the full payment was made, and the payment was made over a period of time, then she collected the jacket. The jacket would have cost around £160/£170/£180. It would have been one of the more expensive jackets we were selling at the time, the Ministry of Sound jackets were selling at around the same price, costing around £180/£190.

4. I remember that not long after Tracey had bought the jacket, her boyfriend at the time came in, saying the jacket was damaged. I remember that the damage was a cigarette burn or a tear on the sleeve of the jacket. I recall that the repair was just a patch put on the sleeve of the jacket although I do not recall where we had the repair carried out.
5. I also recall the police enquiring about a silver coloured 'Skanx' jacket with stripes down the sleeve. I have no knowledge of selling such jackets. I do remember, however, maybe one time selling a black 'Skanx' jacket with an orange stripe down the sleeve. The 'Skanx' jackets would have sold for £80/£90. 'Skanx' was a label as opposed to a clothing company. I recall that its sister label was called Hussy although I do not recall the name of the company that produced the jackets.
6. I kept accounts showing the types of jackets I bought from 'Skanx' in 1996. The documentation that would be produced would include an order form, a delivery form and an invoice. These records were only retained for seven years for tax purposes and so were disposed of in 2003/2004. They were available in 2001 when the police were making their enquiries. I remember the police making enquiries where 'Skanx' was bought from and at that stage I probably would have known. I did not hold back any information from the police.
7. I distinctly remember that the jacket I sold to Tracey Clarke was a Daniel Poole jacket and not a 'Skanx' jacket. I have confirmed this with my <sup>brother</sup> <sup>IN LAW</sup> who worked in the shop since learning that I would be interviewed by the Robert Hamill Inquiry. I am very certain. 
8. I remember being told that Allister Hanvey was one of the people who was arrested. I didn't know his surname at the time, I just knew Allister. At no time have I been approached by Allister Hanvey, or anyone else, and asked to give a different description of the jacket I sold to Tracey Clarke.

