



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF LINDA McMULLAN (née WILSON)

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, LINDA McMULLAN, 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. My police statement in relation to the Robert Hamill matter is dated 10 April 2001, and contains page **17360** of the Inquiry documents.
3. In April 1997 I was about 23 years old and lived in Lurgan. At that stage, I had been working in Portadown at a shop known as Paranoid for about 1 – 1½ years. At that time, I used to go regularly from Lurgan to Banbridge to socialise at the Coach Inn; it was a weekly Friday and Saturday night venue. I never socialised in Portadown, nor did I travel from Portadown to Banbridge for this purpose.
4. I knew Rory Robinson from seeing him at the Coach Inn, although I do not know what has made me remember him now. He also used to come into the shop where I worked. I used to say hello to him whenever I saw him at the Coach Inn, but that was it; we were not friends and we did not socialise together at any point. I can confirm that I did not know any of these people: Marc Hobson; Wayne Lunt; Christopher Henderson; Tracey Clarke and Dean Forbes. Although in my statement to the police I said that I recognised the surname 'Hanvey', I did not know anyone named Allister Hanvey.
5. I cannot recall where I was on the night of 26 – 27 April 1997.

6. In my statement I referred to the fact that I had started working for Paranoid clothes shop sometime in 1996. My boss used to own another shop in Lurgan, and I had worked there between 1994 and 1996. I began working as a shop assistant at Paranoid when the shop in Lurgan closed. My job was part-time, and I usually just worked on a Saturday. Very occasionally, if we were busy during the week or they needed someone to cover holidays, I would fill in.

7. As a sales assistant, I was never responsible for selecting collections or ordering stock for the shop. I have been informed that a wholesaler recalls selling to Paranoid a silver Shanks designer jacket, with orange stripes down the arms. Personally I do not recall stocking this jacket because there were many different types of jackets available. We did not carry a lot of stock of each specific design of coat. There was a big range, maybe 30 or 40 different coats, and 1 or 2 of each in stock. There were coats available for wear all round the year. Some coats were more leathery, and others would indicate that they could be worn in summer. A lot of them had reflectors and stripes, and there were many different silvers and blues. I know that the shop sold a lot of these type of coats, but I honestly cannot remember selling one myself because I only worked there one day a week.

8. I am informed that a witness recalls buying a silver jacket from Paranoid, and recalls paying for the jacket in instalments. There were lots of customers who would buy items on credit and pay off in instalments. Many of the clothes were very pricey, so customers would pay a deposit, then an amount every week after that, and would come to collect the item when it was paid for. A number was allocated to the item, which matched a number in our record book. Whoever was working at the till would then just mark down every payment made for the item. Additionally, there may have been a repayment card that would also have been marked. On Saturdays, the boss was usually there and he would have worked at the till.

9. There were quite a few regular faces in the shop. Some of the young ones would ride into town, come in and browse around. Apart from Rory Robinson, I did not know the names of any of them really.

10. It says in my statement that I stopped working at Paranoid in August 1997, and that is about the right time.

11. In 1997, I remember hearing about the assault of Robert Hamill on the news, but I do not know whether his death and the subsequent murder investigation were much-discussed topics in Portadown at that time.

12. After giving my statement to the police on 19 April 2001, I did not have any further involvement with their investigations.

SIGNED: Linda McMullan.....
LINDA MCMULLAN (née WILSON)

DATED: 10.12.08.....