



## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF MAURICE HEWITT

DATED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE 2006

1. I, MAURICE HEWITT, 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. I wish to start by mentioning that since 1996 I have been taking medication following a heart attack and unfortunately it has affected my memory to some extent but I do have some recollection of events. In April 1997, I was living in Portadown. I had formerly been a reserve constable in the RUC. My daughter P41 was going out with P42 (they eventually married in about 2000). I recall a day or so after the incident when Robert Hamill was attacked in Portadown town centre that P42 told me he had witnessed part of the incident. He told me he was asleep in bed and heard a noise. He got up thinking his car was being damaged, looked out the window and saw a number of people in the street.
3. I suggested to P42 that either he told it to the police or let me go to them and tell them. He said he was very fearful for his safety and was frightened that he would suffer retribution from paramilitary organisations. I was also fearful for him. I told him I would speak to someone. As far as I can remember I spoke to the collator in Portadown, an officer called [REDACTED]
4. I passed on the information verbally and left it at that. I told them he would only make an anonymous statement. A DC McCrumlish came to the house later and asked me again whether he would make a statement and I told them no because he was too frightened. P42 then made an anonymous

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statement, which my daughter typed up for him. They then put it in an envelope and gave that to me. I did not see the contents of the statement and did not discuss the contents with them.

5. I then remember two detectives coming to the house to ask again whether P42 would give a formal statement. One of the detectives was DS H They knew it was P42 who had made the note by that stage. I am also aware that P42 later went into the police station to speak to them but I don't know anything more about that. I do think this was some time in 1999.

6. I had no other involvement in this and cannot add anything further.

SIGNED: *Paula Smith*

DATED: *26th June 2006*