



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PAUL ADAMSON

DATED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2006

1. I, PAUL ADAMSON, 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 am a police officer in the PSNI with 25 years experience. In April 1997, I was stationed at Portadown Police Station operating from Mahon Road. My duties were as a close protection officer principally for Robert Jameson. I had been partnered with Robert Atkinson initially. The other two officers who worked for Robert Jameson were Davy McCaw and [REDACTED]. We would do one week and they would do the next. Sometimes I would be paired with Davy McCaw. Eventually, Robert Atkinson went back to Portadown station and stopped doing the protection duties so Davy joined me.
3. Robert Jameson owned the Brownstown Business Centre and leased part of the premises to Michael McKee who opened a gym with his wife Andrea. They had a Tae Kwon Do club at the gym. Robert Atkinson spent a lot of time at the gym because his daughter trained with the Tae Kwon Do club. In fact, he helped Michael McKee set the thing up by doing jobs like helping him install equipment. He was very friendly with the McKees at that time. Robert Atkinson and I had a working relationship only. I would say he was quite a difficult man to work with.
4. As a result of my duties I spent a fair amount of time at the Brownstown Business Centre and I got to know Robert Jameson and to a lesser extent his son Timothy because we drove for them and provided personal protection but we did not socialise together. I also knew Michael and Andrea McKee as I used the gym a couple of times a week. I would describe Michael and Andrea as acquaintances rather than friends.

5. I remember the time of the Robert Hamill incident as it was the main investigation going on in Portadown but I didn't know anything or hear anyone talk about it really just an occasional reference to Allister Hanvey and Tracey Clarke when I was at the gym. In fact, it wasn't really until DCI K interviewed me in November 2000 that I knew who was involved. I knew that Andrea and Michael McKee were involved in the whole thing and also Robert Atkinson and Davy McCaw.
  
6. During that interview I was asked when Davy McCaw first mentioned that he had some information that he was taking to CID. I recall that it was sometime after the incident happened but I can't remember exactly when, that Davy McCaw came to me while I was on duty at the gate lodge of the Brownstown Business Centre and he asked me for the car keys. He said he had a wee bit of information and was going to speak to CID about it. He didn't tell me and I didn't ask what the information was. He just seemed his usual self. Davy had said on previous occasions that he was off to speak to CID about things he had a mind of his own, that was just him. I never asked him when he came back what he had been talking about so I still don't know.
  
7. I never really heard anything about any of this until I was interviewed in November 2000 and I was very shocked then to hear the allegations. Before then no-one talked about it to me even though I knew the officers in the Land Rover that night and was quite friendly with them. I haven't learnt anything new since then.

SIGNED Paul Adanson

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