

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF STEVEN HUGHES

DATED THIS DAY OF 2009

I, STEVEN HUGHES, 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. In 1997, I was a clothing wholesaler based in London. I designed and sold my own clothing brand under the name Skanks. Beyond selling stock to the shop Paranoid in Portadown, I had no other involvement with the town.
3. In my statement of January 24th 2001, containing page **17354**, I refer to a particular jacket, which I described as a matte silver jacket with a zipped front. It had orange two-inch braiding down the full length of each sleeve. It also had a woven badge on the right sleeve and a similar badge on the left breast of the jacket. It is possible it had "Skanks" written in large orange and black lettering on the back. The lettering was luminous. It was a bomber jacket so it would have been waist length although I cannot be certain of that. I do not have a picture of this item.
4. I have been told other witnesses have described a jacket someone was wearing on the night Robert Hamill was attacked as a bright silver waist-length anorak style jacket with silver sleeves and orange stripes down the sleeves and a black waistband. That does sound similar to the one that I designed and sold to Paranoid

in Portadown. The jacket was part of the Autumn/Winter 1996 collection. I do not recall if there were any jackets of a similar design in the collection.

- 5. I recall making 100 of these jackets. Paranoid in Portadown was not one of the main stockists. They were a very small company with a small marketing business. I cannot remember how big now, but they have not stuck in my mind as a major stockist. I cannot recall how many of these silver jackets were ordered by Paranoid in Portadown.
- 6. I do not remember having any further dealings with the police in respect of the Robert Hamill inquiry after 24 January 2001. There has been the odd phone call, and the odd letter, but I do not know whether these are from the Inquiry or from the police.

SIGNED:

STEVEN HUGHES

DATED: