



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ROBERT TREVOR ANDERSON

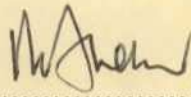
DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF June 2006

1. I, ROBERT TREVOR ANDERSON, 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. In April 1997, I was a team leader at RUC Gough barracks, which was set up to investigate complaints against police in South region which, at that time comprised G Division, J Division, K Division and L Division. I was responsible for allocating complaints, which were notified to me from central office in Belfast. In general terms, I would be given the name and rank of the officer against whom the complaint was made and the nature of the complaint. I would then choose the appropriate investigating officer.
3. The procedure was as follows. The complaint would be forwarded to the Superintendent, New Complaints, Lishnasharragh, who would allocate it to its appropriate regional office. He also notified the Independent Commission for Police Complaints ("ICPC") of that complaint so they could decide whether or not they would supervise the complaint. In the meantime, the papers arrived with me and I handed them over to the investigating officer who prepared the Form 17(3), which was the notice to the alleged officer that a complaint had been made against him. The Form 17/3 had to be prepared and served as soon as practicable so that the officer had plenty of time to retrieve notes etc. Then, the complainant would be requested to attend for an interview.
4. All complaints should go immediately to New Complaints. On 9.5.97 I was appointed to assist DCS McBurney with the investigation of the complaint made by Diane Hamill of neglect of duty. The

appointments were made through the Assistant Chief Constable 'G' Department. The ICPC were asked to, and did, approve the appointment of the Senior Investigating officer.

5. I arranged to interview Miss Hamill at Portadown police station along with DCS McBurney but she did not turn up. Mr [REDACTED] the ICPC member who was also present advised me to write again. We learnt that the problem for the Hamill family was the venue so we suggested that the interview take place at the ICPC headquarters in Belfast. I don't believe we received any response to that second letter. A true copy of that second letter, dated 27.8.97 is now produced and shown to me marked "RTA1".
6. I can't recall whether or not a strategy was agreed with the ICPC but in the normal course, the ICPC had the upper hand in relation to how things progressed and they would advise the investigating officers. They would probably have communicated with DCS McBurney by letter. When it came to interviewing they wouldn't ask questions themselves but would ask for questions to be put but I can't now remember the detail of this investigation. I was kept up to date by CI Bradley but we would discuss the matter only occasionally.
7. The complaint investigation and the murder investigation were, in essence, one and the same, so the evidence from the murder investigation would have formed part of the complaint investigation file. I would therefore probably have been aware of witnesses Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson but I can't recall anything more about them. I do know that I had no direct involvement with them.
8. I was not made aware that Tracey Clarke had made an allegation against RC Robert Atkinson. It was never discussed with me. I can't say whether anyone else referred it to the ICPC but it wasn't brought to my attention by DCS McBurney or anyone else. Normally during an investigation, if an allegation of criminal conduct by a police officer arises, the officers who had discovered it would be obliged to raise a file on the matter. The file should contain a statement outlining the nature of the complaint and that file would then be forwarded to the Superintendent of New Complaints. Thereafter, it would be referred to the ICPC and they would decide whether to supervise or not.

9. I am unaware of anyone called Andrea McKee and unaware that there was any evidence relating to telephone records of Robert Atkinson or Allister Hanvey. DCS McBurney did not discuss anything of that nature with me. In fact, I did not even know that the allegation had been made.

SIGNED 

DATED..... *3rd June 2006*