

It's 3 46 on Tuesday the 10th of April 2001
ehm I have just changed a set of tapes eh
myself, DC Murphy, DC [REDACTED] are in
Interview Room with

ATKINSON

Eleanor Atkinson.

And solicitor

SOLICITOR

Sean Hagan.

OMBUDSMAN

Also, excuse me, also is still present is
[REDACTED] from the Police Ombudsman's
Office.

And we just want to carry on from where we
left off just a minute ago - OK, you're
saying that eh Mr Smith and

SOLICITOR

Joy Kitchen.

Joy Kitchen would've stayed over at
[REDACTED], why would they leave then at a
quarter past two in the morning, if they are
staying over they stayed overnight. Now
what I'm saying is they got a taxi from
there, Andrea McKee confirms they got a taxi
from there, they were there that night, we
watched boxing on TV, they weren't at your
home, [REDACTED].

ATKINSON

Well possibly Joy went home, I really don't
know.

You don't because you didn't see

ATKINSON

No.

The McKees that night, is that true.

ATKINSON

No, Andrea and Michael stayed at my house
what Rodney and Joy done I don't know.

Rodney and Joy were with Andrea and Michael
at their home, there is three people saying
that.

ATKINSON

Well I don't know when they were at my house

We have a taxi log to prove that they
ordered a taxi.

SOLICITOR

Well Atkinson is saying that definitely
Andrea and Michael stayed at her house.

ATKINSON

Yes.

You can't say anything about anybody else.

ATKINSON

No.

You understand the point I'm coming for here
that I'm saying that Mrs Atkinson is telling

us a lie; they did not stay that night.

SOLICITOR

But she has replied to that.

Again reading from Andrea's statement she will say that Michael and myself were over at Robert Atkinson's house. We went there to sort out the cover story eh and Robert and Eleanor Atkinson were also present. Robert Atkinson led the discussion and he said that the story would be that Michael and I had been staying at their home overnight and they suggested that the call could be covered by Michael saying that he was ringing because of his concern for Tracey Clarke. It was Robert who thought out this story about Tracey Clarke; Robert Atkinson said to me that I would have to confirm that I had heard Michael on the telephone. Robert Atkinson mentioned about a second phone call and that he could make, had made up that he had that covered. We were only there that evening to get the story right and we went home again after.

ATKINSON

What date was that on.

She doesn't give a date that they were actually at the house but she remembers going to your house and there was her, there was her husband, Michael, there was you and there was Robert in the room and the whole discussion was led by Robert in attempt to get this cover story, story to cover that call. Now you know the call we are talking about, it was the call at 0837 hours on the, on the Sunday morning to the Hanvey house.

ATKINSON

Yes.

OK.

ATKINSON

Yes.

What have you to say about that statement that Andrea has, has made.

ATKINSON

I'll say Andrea and Michael stayed at my house.

Did they ever come again to your house and the four of youse sat round and concocted this story about the phone call.

ATKINSON

No.

So this is another lie that Andrea is telling.

ATKINSON

Yes, most definitely.

And this is a lady who you helped when she was feeling so low when her husband left

her.

ATKINSON

Yes and

Andrea will go on to say I was contacted by Robert Atkinson and told to go to the solicitor's office for 11 am one morning and provide a statement as we had originally discussed. The statement I gave was false.

ATKINSON

I (inaudible)

I was present during conversation after that when Michael spoke to Robert about the solicitor's bill and telling him that he hoped that he would not have to pay for it. Robert Atkinson said that he would settle it with the solicitor and pay the bill himself. I heard nothing else about this again and we never did get a bill from the solicitor.

ATKINSON

Nothing like that was ever discussed in my house.

Do you know if your husband paid a solicitor's bill.

ATKINSON

I don't think he has paid a solicitor's bill maybe I should ask Mr Hagan.

SOLICITOR

No, not to my recollection.

If your husband had paid a solicitor's bill would you know about it.

ATKINSON

(inaudible)

Would your finances be that way that you would know.

ATKINSON

Yes, most definitely. Mr Hagan is our solicitor ehm

I put it to you Eleanor that you know that morning that Robert came in, he made that phone call to Hanvey in an attempt to warn Alistair eh of the forthcoming maybe Police investigation that would follow. Eh he knows he shouldn't have made that call and now you are conspiring to cover that up for him, you are looking after him but by doing that you are getting yourself involved here as well. You're telling lies for him.

ATKINSON

Well I wouldn't tell lies for him.

How long have you been married.

ATKINSON

Twenty-six years.

And you wouldn't tell a lie for your husband.

ATKINSON

No, most definitely not, I hate lies, ask him he'll tell you.

We ask you again in relation to the Hanveys how often were your contact with them, OK. I can confirm that over a fifteen month period before and after this incident, OK, telephone bills were checked, there was two calls made from your home to the Hanvey home, two calls now over fifteen months and those are the two calls that you are speaking about; the one at 8 37 on the Sunday morning and then the second on the 2nd of May. If you go vice versa over the same period between the Hanvey house and your home not one call was made. Isn't that strange that that call

ATKINSON

Well

Was made that morning.

ATKINSON

Well I know nothing about it.

And again on the 2nd of May, the day that your husband was not on duty.

ATKINSON

Well Michael made it.

You are the only person saying this, Michael made it - I'm saying to you Michael wasn't even at your house, he was at home; he was there with Andrea who confirms they were there and two other witnesses who confirm they were there; not only (inaudible) they were there is proof of a taxi went to pick them up.

ATKINSON

Well all I can say is that Michael and Andrea stayed at my house. Michael made a phone call and that's all I know.

I'm saying you are not being truthful, you are covering for your husband; your husband of twenty-six years who you would tell a lie for.

ATKINSON

I would not, believe me.

Well you know this is a very serious matter

ATKINSON

Yes.

And you know that he would quite probably be in very serious trouble if it was the truth that he had made the call.

ATKINSON

Well I probably do know that, yes.

And you wouldn't be prepared to help him sort that out.

ATKINSON

I mean if Michael made the phone call, I

mean I'm not telling lies, I'm saying that Michael McKee stayed in my house. I'm saying Andrea is telling lies.

Also I'm saying the second phone call you did not make that either. Who did you speak to when you phoned.

ATKINSON

Well I think it was Kenny or I'm not sure maybe Andrea

OK.

ATKINSON

I am not, I really don't know at this stage.

In your statement you said it was Kenny Hanvey that you spoke to.

ATKINSON

It probably was Kenneth.

Kenneth and Elizabeth have been spoken to, his wife and Elizabeth is saying that she took the call, the second call.

ATKINSON

I don't really know, I honestly don't know.

What is their involvement in, in this whole situation, the Conspiracy between yourselves to cover up this phone call.

ATKINSON

None whatsoever.

On the Sunday morning, was there an occasion where they were round at your house and yet you come up with a cover story there.

ATKINSON

Well they've never been in my house.

Or you met them somewhere else or

ATKINSON

No.

This was a bit whopper of a story she's telling like about the night of the cover story.

ATKINSON

Yes.

If it's a lie.

ATKINSON

Well it is a lie.

Michael and myself were over at Robert Atkinson's house, we went there to sort the cover story out and Robert and Eleanor Atkinson were also present. Robert Atkinson led the discussion and he said that the story would be that Michael and I had been staying at their house overnight and he suggested that the call could be covered by Michael saying that he was ringing because of his concern for Tracey Clarke. Why would she make that up.

ATKINSON

I really don't know.

I have another statement here from Tracey Clarke who eh at that time was the girlfriend of Alistair Hanvey and Tracey will say I remember Robert Atkinson's name coming up in, or coming up and Alistair said that Robbie Atkinson had been very good to him because on the Sunday morning after the incident in the town centre he rang him at about 8 am and told him to get rid of his clothes. He also told me that Robbie was ringing him everyday to keep him up-to-date with the Police investigation. Now there is another one that says your husband made this call to the Hanveys on the Sunday morning.

ATKINSON

I really

You've got Andrea

ATKINSON

Don't know.

Who put your whole story that they were in the house is false, we have the witnesses there, now you know that that story is made up, isn't it.

ATKINSON

No, I, my story is not made up, Michael and Andrea stayed at my house.

Joy Kitchen is telling lies, Rodney Smith is telling lies, Andrea McKee is telling lies and Tracey Clarke is telling lies, you are the only one here is telling the truth.

ATKINSON

Yes, Andrea can be very persuasive sort of a person.

What do you mean by that.

ATKINSON

Well I mean could Andrea not have went and said to those people, tell this for me. I mean I

What good would it do her doing that, what, what would a reason for that.

ATKINSON

You don't obviously know her very well.

Well I don't know you either, Eleanor - was that

ATKINSON

Yeah.

You know - you maybe deal with that fact but we have also a fact of the taxi going to their house to pick up the two of them that night which would reinforce their story.

ATKINSON

I don't know.

Whereas all we have is to take your word for it that they were at your house.

ATKINSON

They were in our house

I personally think it's very strange you live a house, you have described it, you have the house, you have three bedrooms upstairs, how your husband, who left work approximately seven minutes past eight in the morning, OK; he was home to your house, you, into bed, into the house, into bed, spoke to you as you said briefly, maybe just told you there was something happened in town, you were then able to get up, waken eh, eh Michael

ATKINSON

Michael.

The McKees, have breakfast for them on the table and then over that conversation tell them about what had happened and then he suddenly decided to phone and that was at 8 37 so thirty minutes from he left work to, to the phone call was made and you have said previously it would take, what five minutes to get home.

ATKINSON

About five, ten minutes

So he is home for twenty past, a quarter past, twenty past so from twenty past you have seventeen minutes

ATKINSON

Right.

OK, for him to get into the house, tell you what had happened, you get up, waken the rest, get them up, into the kitchen, casually over breakfast tell them about the, the problem with the Coach bus in the middle of town and then Michael says I better look for Tracey, where will I phone, awe I'll phone her boyfriend's, I'll not phone her mother's, I'll make no other calls, I'll just phone her boyfriend's.

ATKINSON

Well that's exactly what he done.

But I'm saying the time period in between, it was impossible for all that to have happened.

ATKINSON

Well I don't really know, that's

And that goes against your story again, another aspect against your story; apart from all these witnesses

ATKINSON

Yes.

Apart from the evidence of the taxi log

ATKINSON Well I am telling you now Michael and Andrea stayed at my house.

Did they stay in your house other nights when your husband was working.

ATKINSON Eh

SOLICITOR You said the McKees now

No, the McKees sorry

SOLICITOR The McKees

Yes, uh huh

ATKINSON Yes, they stayed with me whenever eh the trouble and Robert was at Mahon Road for over a fortnight, they stayed whatever nights

Would they ever, would they ever stayed a night when he was like working as he was that evening and then he would've been coming in later.

ATKINSON No, probably not.

That was the first time this had ever happened.

ATKINSON I don't really know eh they just arrived.

And can you recall any other occasion that they would've been in your house and your husband had been working a late shift and then he would've been coming in later on.

ATKINSON Oh probably and one took a drink and one drove and away they went; possibly I, I really can't say when, you know I can't remember.

Might they have stayed a night when your husband was coming in off night shift or something.

ATKINSON I'm not sure.

Would it not be another thing for him to come in in the morning, guests in his house and he doesn't speak to them, say hello, did you have a good night or anything like that, he just goes straight to bed and he doesn't speak to the guests that stayed in the house overnight.

ATKINSON Well he probably didn't even know they were there.

Well did, did you, would you not have said to him, Andrea and

ATKINSON

Probably not; I think he was up, whatever time he came in at then he went again and, and probably just

Yeah but when he came in the second time after eight o'clock, around twenty past, a quarter past, twenty past eight, would you have said to him oh the McKees are here.

ATKINSON

I don't know eh I really don't know if I would've said it or not.

Like if that is anything when you go into a house what, you said they had been drinking the night before but I'm sure there would have been tins sitting about or bottles or whatever, maybe they would've had a bag sitting, he's bound to have known they were there eh and the time between it, between him getting in there at twenty past to the time of this phone call at 8 37

ATKINSON

Well he probably just went straight up to bed, you know he mightn't have went to the other room but if there was tins and the smell of the beer it would've been in my bin I can assure you.

Again I'll explain to you that bit of the story that you have invented there is quite hard to believe that he can come in at such a time and not bump into somebody who is staying in your house, a three bedroom house, it's not as if they are away at the far end, somewhere you can't find them. They are the top of the stairs, he would pass their room before he would even get to your own bedroom. Is that correct.

ATKINSON

Well the two bedrooms is like that

Yes.

ATKINSON

And the bathroom and the small room here so he would just have walked straight into his own, our bedroom.

OK and it's a room where obviously the bathroom, there is no en suite or anything, there is the one bathroom for everybody.

ATKINSON

Yes.

They were getting up to get ready in the morning to go down to have breakfast and over that breakfast you told them about the, whatever happened, then they decided to make that call and the time he got in

ATKINSON

No.

Did he not have to go to the bathroom, were they not in the bathroom whenever they got

up; they are bound to have met sometime if they had've been there that night but they weren't there that night, sure they weren't

ATKINSON

They were.

They were at home as they say at [REDACTED] with the Smiths

ATKINSON

No, they were in my house. I mean they were definitely in my house that night irrespective of what Andrea or whatever so

Would Andrea or Rodney or Joy or Tracey say

ATKINSON

Well I don't really see these people, I maybe, I haven't seen them, no

So going from somebody who was good friends with you, Andrea was good friends eh I've, I've a billing here to show the number of calls that were made between you and her

ATKINSON

Yes.

OK, that was a good friend of yours and now she's telling the whole story against you. Why would she do that if she was such a good friend - you were good to her, you were very good to her

ATKINSON

And she was very good to me but

She was good to you

ATKINSON

Eh

As you said they would've come round and looked after when the bad times in Portadown there when Robert maybe wasn't at home at times so why would she turn round now and do this.

ATKINSON

Because we had fallen out.

Oh right, you had fallen out - why

ATKINSON

We had fallen out over the World Championships.

Why are you just saying this now. I asked you several, several times during this interview is there a reason why she would be telling a lie.

ATKINSON

Oh right, well we, we had fallen out but in the meantime Andrea, Michael and Andrea he had went off somewhere, I don't know where but he said [REDACTED] wasn't good enough to go to the World Championships after training seven days a week so eh my husband phoned him one Saturday night and asked him why and she stuck up for Michael and there was a few

words exchanged over the phone and we asked for the money back, it was in Birmingham I think ehm [REDACTED] went to the World Championships, I never bothered

Right.

ATKINSON

With Andrea from it.

Till now, you still don't

ATKINSON

I don't, Andrea left [REDACTED] took the money off every fella in the Tai Kwando, thirty pound and took herself off to Wales, that's what the fellas is telling me. She collected the money, we come home from the World Championships, we, I never bothered

When was the World Championships

ATKINSON

I really don't know.

Well what year are you talking about.

ATKINSON

Ehm it might've been that year, 97, maybe no later, a few years later I think, the World Championships

A few year later

ATKINSON

Uh huh.

But you had made a call that year

ATKINSON

Oh that was we were friends eh we didn't fall out until the World Championships which was, I really don't know when the World Championships was

And it was, but it wasn't in 97.

ATKINSON

No, no, it might've been a couple of years later I could check on

Well is that not why you rang them in May of 97 to get boots for the World Championships and, and a book.

ATKINSON

Well that would've been for maybe, not the World Championships, that's a different

You said earlier it was the World Championships

ATKINSON

Well we went to Dublin for

So are you saying now that is wrong, it wasn't the World Championships that you made the call for.

ATKINSON

Oh no, eh [REDACTED] needed the boots for the World Championship and

Two years later, a couple of years later

ATKINSON Oh no and [REDACTED]

SOLICITOR Excuse me

ATKINSON We went every maybe two months to a competition which

You said earlier in this interview today I made the call in May because there was the World Championships coming up and

ATKINSON Yes and [REDACTED] was training for it, it takes about a year whatever. I really know the timing of the World Championships, I

But it was a couple of years after this.

ATKINSON I'm not sure.

SOLICITOR (inaudible)

ATKINSON No, they're

SOLICITOR They were not

ATKINSON Well the different eh different country

SOLICITOR Uh huh.

ATKINSON They would be held, maybe I think they were in America at the World Championships and then every, England had the World Championships every year.

SOLICITOR Uh huh but this row with

Eleanor I put it to you this is another story

SOLICITOR Right.

That you are making up here to explain why Andrea would say such a thing. It's the same as the story you have made up to cover for your husband, Robert.

ATKINSON No, I had fallen out with Andrea

And again that has just come to your mind now as well; several times

ATKINSON No.

During this interview I said why would this lady be making this story, why would she be telling a lie about you; you didn't know, I don't know.

ATKINSON Well she like anybody to get the upper hand of her, where Michael was concerned.

What's this, what does that mean.

ATKINSON

Nobody went up and Robert said to Michael up in the gym, is [REDACTED] not going to the World Championships and he said she's not good enough to go so he asked for his money back and there was no row as such and

When was, when was that.

ATKINSON

I, I really don't know when the World Championships (inaudible) with

No, but when was the row.

ATKINSON

The row was just before the World Championships.

Which was a couple of years after 97.

ATKINSON

I'm not sure.

Which would've been after she had made this statement.

SOLICITOR

Which statement now, she made two statements.

Well it's, what's the date on that statement - is that - the statement you were using there for - eh that's dated the 25th of October 2000 - sorry, that's wrong

ATKINSON

I really don't know when the World Championships were but we went to the World Championships eh

Fallen out

ATKINSON

Eight, eight and ten, eight or ten of youse went to the World Championships, stayed in the same hotel eh

Where were they at.

ATKINSON

Birmingham.

Birmingham - with and was Andrea there.

ATKINSON

Andrea was there and Michael and the rest of the children that was entering for the World Championships and she had, well Robert approached Michael, I think it was the Saturday night and he said to him eh about [REDACTED] not being good enough, she stuck up for Michael and saying [REDACTED] didn't train on a Friday; something to do with [REDACTED] didn't train on a Friday because she went to, on the edge, that she (inaudible) and, but [REDACTED] trained on a Sunday that was the only day except [REDACTED] went during the day, that was the only night she didn't train but she

made up for it on a Sunday; she would've went up with [REDACTED] on a Sunday and trained for the most of the evening so that made up for a Friday so Andrea said on the phone to Robert that [REDACTED] didn't train on a Friday and that's why she can't go to the World Championships and we went to the World Championships, we were on the boat, went on the boat and Michael and Andrea was on the boat and I just was cool, I was cool with her and we all went to the World Championships, they went home the day before us, they didn't stay because he was actually on the drink at that particular time, Michael was, always would've been a heavy drinker and he, they went home the day before us in Birmingham from the hotel but I could get the name of the hotel we stayed in in Birmingham; we stayed for the, whatever the weekend was and we come home but they went home during the night. They left the hotel at sometime at four in the morning and we stayed to ehm after that when Michael and Andrea come home he must have done a runner again with somebody else out of the Tai Kwando and she, she tried to take the Tai, the Tai Kwando over and she is a fourth Dan Tai Kwando herself, Andrea but she didn't partake in any Tai Kwando at all; she's the big girl so she just sat there eh he, Michael always found that he wanted Andrea to take a class, she never would do that. I don't know about things between the two of them ever was right, I don't know, I just had to listen to Andrea what she said. I don't know if she told the truth or she told lies about Michael, I never stuck up for any of the two of them in the rows or him running away; he would have stayed at the Silverwood Hotel in Lurgan for maybe a week at times, he might've went, the last time no-one knows where he went. I don't know where he went.

So what you mean that she didn't like people getting the better of her then, was there some point to this.

ATKINSON

Well the fact that [REDACTED] was going to the World Championships, you know, they didn't want her to go to the World Championships and then Michael had told

But why.

ATKINSON

I don't know.

Have they any children of their own.

ATKINSON

They have no family no, he has.

Well why would they not, like it's, obviously she's a friend of the family, I'm

sure they would be pleased for her to go.

ATKINSON

Ehm I don't know.

So basically what you are saying then

ATKINSON

But, but

Is Andrea has made all this up because of your fall-out about this World Championship thing

ATKINSON

Well I actually didn't see Andrea from that.

Right, right well you think that's why she has made it up then.

ATKINSON

The club broke up and

Right.

ATKINSON

Yeah.

That's why she has made it up.

ATKINSON

I don't know

Because, yeah, you don't know why she has made it up.

ATKINSON

I don't know.

But this is what you think you are blaming on it.

ATKINSON

Well yes.

How can you explain then on the 10th of May 1997, OK, this is less than a month afterwards Tracey Clarke is able to say that Alistair has told her that your husband has been very good to him; he phoned him on the Sunday morning after the incident and told him to get rid of his clothes he was wearing the previous night.

ATKINSON

I don't know, I really don't know, Andrea and

Did you have an argument with her as well.

ATKINSON

Oh no.

Is that why she turned round and said that.

ATKINSON

No, Andrea and Tracey was friendly but I really

Well now think carefully because

ATKINSON

(inaudible)

Earlier on we asked you would there be any

reason why Andrea would've said this and you couldn't think of that

ATKINSON

Uh huh.

For the duration of the first

ATKINSON

Yeah.

Part of the interview and then

ATKINSON

Well

It came into your head that you had fallen out so was there something between you and Tracey Clarke.

ATKINSON

No, I never hardly saw Tracey Clarke except at the club of an odd occasion.

Well why would she say this, Eleanor

ATKINSON

I really do not know.

Well I really do not know either, all these people that we are telling you about, you're saying they are all liars except you.

ATKINSON

Yes.

Do you not think according to you that there is too many people telling lies, according to you.

ATKINSON

Well

And it's a wee bit, there is too many just

ATKINSON

Well

To believe your side of the story.

ATKINSON

Could those people not have got together and got this whole

They got together with you, they got together with you in your house and Robbie.

ATKINSON

Nobody got together with me or

They did get together with you and they went along with you but now they see the error of their ways and they are coming forward and telling us what they did.

ATKINSON

Well I'm afraid not, they had stayed in my house

That's the problem when you get four people there and you say, and you tell a lie once one of those people go and that's what's happened. Andrea now wants to tell us the truth what did happen.

ATKINSON Well it's not the truth.

Is it the fact that you said that many times now that you, you have yourself convinced that they stayed that night.

ATKINSON No, I know they stayed in my house.

And you're the only person can say they stayed in your house that night.

ATKINSON Yes.

You're the only person can tell us, that can tell us that story, no-one else can. Your husband didn't see them, you don't want to put your daughter in a position and you don't think she would remember anyway.

ATKINSON Well I don't know if she would remember eh well she probably wouldn't remember if she was

Twelve year old.

ATKINSON Twelve, she might, she probably could tell you, Michael and Andrea stayed at mum and dad's on occasions

But that would be no good to us

ATKINSON Well yeah.

Because what we are talking about is a

ATKINSON Yeah.

Particular date

SOLICITOR Uh huh.

And would your mother know that the car was parked at the back of her house that night.

ATKINSON Eh probably, yes.

She would remember that night in particular and know that the car

ATKINSON well

Was parked there.

ATKINSON My mother is eighty-four

Yeah well that's

ATKINSON Uh huh.

So what we have here

ATKINSON Well

Is one person and that's you, your word to say that are staying there; we have the word of three other people to say they didn't.

SOLICITOR

Well is that right, what about Michael McKee

We've the word, we've Andrea who says she's not, she didn't stay. We have her word to say that she was at home. We have Robert Smith to say they were at home because we visited them and we have the other girl - Tracey - not Tracey

SOLICITOR

No, Joy.

Joy - Joy, who was with Robert that night and can confirm that they visited the McKees, [REDACTED] on the 26th, they stayed, they stayed until the early hours of the 27th, where they ordered a taxi, the taxi log shows that the taxi was ordered, went and picked them up

ATKINSON

I don't know. I can only tell you what the truth that what happened, they stayed at my house and I really cannot speak for anyone else who stayed where.

Well I'm saying to you that Robert approached Michael McKee to get him a cover story. Michael didn't like what he was doing, the reason he went along with was because Robert had been good to him; Robert is the one that has set him up with that gym through working with Bobbie Jameson

ATKINSON

Robert doesn't work for Bobbie Jameson.

He was a driver for him.

ATKINSON

We drove, yes.

Yes, so with his contact, with me working for him, working with him driving them, OK as

ATKINSON

Eh

Through the Police, OK, through that contact with Bobbie Jameson he set him, he set him up in his business, in his livelihood and for that reason Michael went along with this cover story; he didn't like it, they talked Andrea into doing it, she didn't like it

ATKINSON

Well for a start Robert, my husband Robert

Yes.

ATKINSON

Didn't set Michael up in business

No, I'm not saying set him up in business

ATKINSON He didn't set him up, he means

He put him in touch with Bobbie Jameson, through his contacts with Bobbie Jameson he was able to put (inaudible) and, and that, and that's how Michael will say that

ATKINSON We did not even know

That

ATKINSON That he was moving to that gym.

That is how

ATKINSON Until he moved.

Michael will say that is how that he came to get that gym, through your husband.

ATKINSON Well eh I could be ninety-nine per cent sure that we didn't know he was getting that gym until he had actually asked Bobbie Jameson himself.

Well you could be ninety-nine per cent sure that you didn't know but perhaps your husband knew.

ATKINSON Well I wouldn't think so.

Why's that

ATKINSON Well I can't, I don't know but I certainly didn't know until it happened, you know that he has

So everything he does

ATKINSON Yeah.

Everything he does you know.

ATKINSON Who, Michael.

No everything your husband does you would know what he does.

ATKINSON Oh probably, yes.

So you know he made that phone call that Sunday morning then.

ATKINSON Michael made the phone call.

Eleanor, Michael didn't make that phone call Robert made the phone call and you were aware of it, you were in the house when the meeting took place to provide the cover story.

ATKINSON I mean Michael made the phone call, they

stayed at my house and that's basically all I can tell you, what my statement, this statement is

Is it the case that you have made that statement and now you don't want to retract it, you don't want to go back on it, you don't want to say that you told a lie.

ATKINSON

No, no and I, that was the truth and my statement was the truth and I am telling you that they stayed with me.

Is there anything you want to say to us at this stage, we are going to terminate the interview now, we may speak to you again but is there anything else you want to say at this stage.

ATKINSON

No.

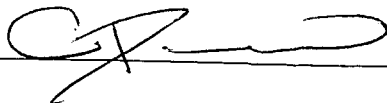
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No, nothing at this stage.

It's eh 1621 by my watch; this is the form that I was telling you of at the beginning of the interview. It tells you what happens the tapes and where, you know how they are stored and you can get a copy et cetera and Mr Hagan will be aware of that and he will be able to keep you informed about that. Can you just sign that we have given you a copy; that's great. 1622 and we are terminating the interview.

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