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STATEMENT OF: ANDREA LOUISE MCKEE

AGE OF WITNESS [If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : 21

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS:

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of 16 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall 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.

Dated this 25 day of October 2000

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

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I make this statement further to my statement dated 20 June 2000. I have been asked to clarify a number of issues in relation to what I have said in that statement and to answer a number of further questions which I have been asked. I originally met my husband Michael McKee at around 1900 in Wrexham when he had left the Royal Navy. At a date in 1991 which I cannot remember, I moved to Craigavon with Michael and we married in Craigavon in December 1991. We lived in several addresses around Craigavon, ending up at [REDACTED] Craigavon. We lived there as a couple, there were no children to our marriage. On around 1994 Michael had a full time business running at the Brownstown Business Centre where he carried out instruction classes teaching students Tae Kwon Do. He did have a number of other classes which he ran on a part time basis in various parts of Northern Ireland but his Business Centre was in the Brownstown Business Centre. He was qualified as fifth Don in Tae Kwon Do. When the business was set up, I played a full time role in it looking after the administration of the business and keeping records updated. The

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business ran well through the years and I was involved in helping Michael to keep it running. At around the beginning of 1999, the business began to fall apart because Michael was beginning to absent himself. On 14 April 1999, Michael separated from me and he went to [REDACTED] in Southern Ireland with another woman Miss [REDACTED]. Although I didn't know it at the time, they had been having a relationship since Christmas of 1998. I was left to wind up the affairs of the business and after I had done that, I left Northern Ireland in May 1999 and returned to live in Wrexham. Divorce proceedings are currently pending and this is being handled by my Solicitor. The divorce is being made on the grounds of his adultery. I understand that Mr [REDACTED] Solicitor from Lurgan is currently representing him. I first met Robert and Eleanor Atkinson quite a few number of years ago when their daughter [REDACTED] attended a class which was run by Michael at the Killycomaine Community Centre in Portadown. I think that [REDACTED] was about [REDACTED] yrs old at the time. Her parents would have delivered and collected her. I remember that Robert Atkinson once asked Michael was he the son of [REDACTED] McKee who Robert knew at the Mahon Road Army Camp. Michael's father was a Captain in the UDR many years before that but it was through this that Robert Atkinson and Michael became friends. [REDACTED] McKee died, I believe, in 1997. As their friendship developed over time, Robert and Eleanor Atkinson began attending weekend tournaments and this is how I became friendly with them. I remember that Michael actually got the Unit in Brownstown Business Centre through Robert Atkinson who was driving for Bobby Jameson who owned the complex. Jameson rented out units at the Business Centre and Robert Atkinson actually introduced Michael to Bobby Jameson. On occasions we would meet up socially and

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occasionally we would have gone to their house on the [REDACTED] for drinks Michael did go to football matches with Robert Atkinson and on one occasion we went with Robert and Eleanor Atkinson and a number of other people to a football match in Scotland. Robert Atkinson did do some plumbing and tidying work on the Club premises and Michael did help Robert on renovating a house near Shamrock Park Football Club. I didn't have as much in common with Eleanor although we were friends but Michael and Robert were much closer. Robert Atkinson only ever visited our house in [REDACTED] if they were collecting us to go out for an evening. He did not like staying in our house for very long because of where it was and the Atkinson's never stayed overnight in our house at [REDACTED]. I can recall only one occasion when Eleanor Atkinson came to my house to watch a football match on sky. I cannot recall when this happened but I do remember that Robert had been away at a Rangers Match in Scotland with his son [REDACTED]. Eleanor Atkinson was able to drive and when we did go out socially, she would have collected us in the car and drove us home again. On the one occasion that she did come out and stay at my house to see the football match, I do remember that she drove out to my house and drove home again. In terms of the parents of students, the Atkinson's were the closest friends that we had. Alistair Hanvey started to train with Michael from when he was 13 yrs of age. We were friends with his parents Kenneth and Elizabeth but this was not on the same scale as our friendship with the Atkinsons. I met Alistair's parents at various competitions and we were invited up to the Hanvey home at [REDACTED] on a number of occasions while Alistair was still a member of the club. I remember many occasions when Robert Atkinson, Alistair Hanvey, Eleanor Atkinson, Michael and myself were together in the same

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company. This occurred at various tournaments and competitions which we went to and I remember us all together at a BBQ at Robert Atkinson's house. At that time it was through the association of the Tae Kwon Do Club that everyone was brought together. Over the last couple of years of his membership, Alistair was getting older and his commitment to training and attending training was not consistent. He did however always remain friends with Michael. I remember that Tracy Clarke, who is a neice of Michael, attended the Brownstown Club on a number of occasions. It was there that she met Alistair Hanvey and started a relationship with him. As their relationship developed, both Alistair and Tracy would have stayed at our house in [REDACTED]. She lived with her mother and step-father across the square from us and occasionally would have stayed in our house. She had use of one of our bedrooms when she wanted it. Tracy started to train in Tae Kwon Do but was not consistent with the training and eventually gave it up. Robert Atkinson knew Tracy Clarke through the Club and also because she was Michael's neice. I remember when the Omagh Bomb happened in 1998, we were all away at a Taw Kwon Do Training Camp in Lanzarote. Robert and Eleanor Atkinson were there with their two children, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Tracy Clarke was there also. A number of other club members were there but at that time Alistair Hanvey was not there as he was no longer with the club and Tracy was in another relationship. There were a number of occasions prior to 1997 when Robert Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson, Alistair Hanvey, Tracy Clarke, Michael and myself were together socially but this was generally around Club activities. During the Lanzarote trip in 1998 I know that Robert Atkinson did know about what Tracy had alleged in 1997 about him but I never detected Robert or Eleanor showing any anomosity towards her and I do not

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recall it ever being discussed in my presence during the trip. I do recall that in early 1997 we had the phone service connected to our home address in [REDACTED]. I remember that we got the telephone connected at the home because Michael's father was very ill. He eventually died in July 1997. Up until the point of getting the phone connected at the house we did have the telephone at the Club which served our purpose and Michael had his own mobile phone which he carried everywhere with him. I recall the number being [REDACTED]. I remember Robert Atkinson getting a mobile phone but I cannot recall when that was. Michael and Robert had a lot of contact with each other and the Atkinsons had more contact with Michael than me. Robert Atkinson was always calling in to the Club premises and on occasions when he was on duty, he would call in for coffee. When I left the business, I remember that there was some people negotiating with Bobby Jameson to take over the premises, these were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] They were black belt students of Michael's and were considering taking over the business. [REDACTED] lives [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] lived in the country out towards [REDACTED]. When I vacated the business, I left all our office records in the office. I do not know what has happened to these records which would have included an appointments diary. It has been explained to me that I was not subscribing to sky on the night of 26 April 1997 and that sky did not broadcast a Box Event involving Prince Naseem. When I think about it again it is possible that this was not the night that we watched the Naseem fight but I do recall something on the television that night involving boxing, and it would have been for that reason that somebody would have been invited to watch the boxing at our house. It has been put to me about a phone call that

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was made from my home to a Taxi Firm in Portadown at 1 30 am on Sunday 27 April 1997. I recognise the number [REDACTED] as Call-a-Cab in West Street which Michael and myself would have regularly used to go to the Club and return home. We did have a car which both of us shared, a black Celica, but I cannot remember the registration number. Thinking about the night in question again, I am certain that Michael and I were at home that night. Nobody was living with us and nobody else had our house keys. I recall that there was a couple of friends [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who came out to our house at that time and I believe that they visited our house on that night. I had started to think about this after making the statement on 20 June 2000 and recalled that they had visited our house and got a taxi home. They arrived that night in a taxi and left to return home at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. I remember making the phone call but I cannot recall who I spoke to. I do not know any of the people who work in the office in Call-a-cab and the only driver I know is a woman called 'Mo'. We had no regular Taxi driver as such and the driver's changed continually. I remember when the taxi arrived, the horn sounded and Michael and I walked [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to our front door. I do not know who the Taxi driver was. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at our house in a taxi during the early evening of Saturday 26 April and we spent the night in our house having drinks. I can remember some sort of boxing on the television during the Saturday evening. They were the only persons at our house. This would have been arranged either over the phone or at the Club where [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both members. I cannot recall when exactly it was arranged but it could have been either the Saturday morning or the previous day. As far as I was concerned, when they left our house in the taxi they were returning

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home to [REDACTED]. After they left, we stayed up for about half an hour and then went to bed. They were a couple who were coming to our house at that time. When Michael and I got up on Sunday morning I recall making the breakfast and Michael went out for a short time to get the Sunday papers. He would have went to one of the garages on the Lurgan Road at Edenderry to get them. They were not ordered and he would have purchased the papers over the counter. He may have got petrol at that time but that is where he did get petrol. At some point between 11 am and 12 noon, Michael and I were in our house when Tracy Clarke came into our house. She was on her own. Tracy told us that there had been fighting in the middle of the town (Portadown) during the night. She didn't mention anything else about it and did not mention Alistair Hanvey at that time. Tracy regularly called in so this was not out of the ordinary. After mentioning about the fight she went home. Tracy did not mention at that time seeing Robert Atkinson at the fight. I do not recall seeing Tracy Clarke again that day or discussing it with her again during that day. I cannot recall what we did during the course of that Sunday and I do not recall taking to Robert or Eleanor Atkinson during the course of that Sunday. In the days that followed Tracy Clarke came and spoke to Michael and myself. On the first occasion that she spoke to me, and I cannot be exactly sure of when and where the conversation occurred, Tracy told me that Alistair Hanvey had been involved in the fighting. She also mentioned a number of other names but I do recall her mentioning Stacey Bridgett. Tracy also told me that she had seen Robert Atkinson because Robert told her to get home. She said that she had spoken to Robert Atkinson at the time of the fighting. I remember talking to Robert Atkinson at some point around that time and I remember him

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telling me that it was just his luck to be on when something like that happens. I did not discuss with Robert Atkinson what Tracy had said about Alistair Hanvey and the other persons she named. I know that Michael was talking to Robert Atkinson continually at that time but I do not know if he told him at that time about what Tracy had witnessed. At some point after that, Tracy spoke to Michael and told him Alistair Hanvey had told her about Robert Atkinson ringing his house on the Sunday morning after he had got home from work and telling him to get rid of his clothes. I first heard about this from Michael and I recall after that, Michael ringing Robert Atkinson from home and telling him what he had heard from Tracy. I remember Michael telling him that if he did do this, then he was an idiot, but I was not in a position to hear what Robert was saying on the far end of the phone. When Michael came off the phone he just commented that if he did do it, then he was an idiot and we didn't discuss it further at that time. At some point I do recall Tracy Clarke mentioning to me about Mrs Hanvey, Alistair's mother ringing her at work at 'Going Places' in Portadown. Tracy did not tell me why Mrs Hanvey was ringing her. Around the time that Robert Hamill died which was some days after the fight, I remember being in the Gyn one afternoon, it may have been a Thursday, when Tracy was talking about the fight to people in the gym. I cannot recall who was in the gym at the time but I remember a policeman I know called Davy and talk to me about it and he asked me who Tracy was and did the police know about what she was saying. As far as I recall, Tracy was talking about the fight and who was involved. I do not recall her talking about what Atkinson had done. Davy would attend our Gym at different times to train and I remember talking to him again after which he then rang Portadown

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Police Station from our gym. As a result of that phone call, I then accompanied Davy to go and meet two police officers. It was dark when I met the two police officers and I told them that Tracy Clarke knew about the fighting and what she had seen. I do not remember mentioning to the officers about what Tracy Clarke had said about Robert Atkinson. On the following day which was a Friday, I was speaking to Tracy Clarke's mother [REDACTED] who told me that Tracy had to go to Portadown Police Station to speak to the police. I was not aware that she had been spoken to the previous night. Irene asked Michael to pick Tracy up from her part-time job at the Chinese Restaurant in West Street and take her to the police station. I went with Michael, picked Tracy up and sent to the Police Station with her. I remember that it was quite late. I remained with Tracy while she was being interviewed and a police woman called P39 brought Tracy and myself home. Michael had dropped us off and had went on home to set with [REDACTED] and await us coming home. At some point after this, I recall Robert Atkinson telling me that Tracy Clarke had been to the Police Station and had made a statement, this occurred not long after this but I do not know when. Tracy Clarke was very worried about making a statement and Michael and his father Jim did talk to her advising her to tell the police about what she knew. In the days that followed, Alistair Hanvey was charged and appeared before court. I cannot recall being in any discussion with Robert Atkinson at that time and I do not know what his reaction was to Alistair being charged. I am not personally aware of any direct conversations between Robert Atkinson and the Hanvey's over this period. The only contact I was aware of was when Tracy told me that Alistair Hanvey had told her that Robert Atkinson had rang his dad. I do know that Robert

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Atkinson and Kenneth Harvey have been friends for a long time and that Kenneth Harvey works for the Northern Ireland Electricity Service which is where Eleanor Atkinson also works. I did not speak with the Harvey's either directly or by telephone over that period. I do not know if Michael spoke to the Harvey's at this time. In the months that followed, Robert Atkinson never spoke to me about the incident or what he had done at the incident. Later in the year, Michael told me that Robert Atkinson had spoken to him about the incident. This had happened one night when they were both out together. On his return home, Michael told me that Robert had asked him to cover the phone call to the Harvey's. Michael told me that Robert had made another phone call but that he could cover that phone call himself. Michael told me that he had asked Atkinson about why he had made the phone call. He said that Atkinson told him that he had rang him to try and help him and that he had realised now that he should not have done it. Michael told me that Atkinson had told him that he had made the phone call to tell him to get rid of his clothes. This was the first time that I knew that Atkinson had admitted making the call to Harvey. On the night that this happened Robert and Michael had been out to a pub but I cannot recall the night in question. It was however after he had been interviewed about it. I had been made aware that he had been interviewed about it. Michael said to me that he had agreed to do it for him although he didn't want to. He felt obliged as a close friend to do it and the family relationship with Tracy Clarke was perfect to cover the story. On one occasion after that but before Michael and myself made statements, 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

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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 Tracy Clarke. It was Robert who thought out this story about Tracy 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 that he had made but that he had that covered. I do not know anything about the second phone call, about his reason for making it, or his story to cover it. We were only there that evening to get the story right and we went home again after that. At some point after that, I was aware that Michael and Eleanor went to Portadown Police Station to make statements. I was aware that Robert Atkinson was being interviewed again but I was not asked by Robert to go to the Police Station. Whenever they went to the Police Station, I stayed with [REDACTED] Atkinson in Robert's house. When Robert, Eleanor and Michael returned Robert told me that I would have to make a statement. I knew what Michael had said because it had been all arranged as to what we would say before it. After that, I cannot recall when but it was some time later, I was contacted by Robert Atkinson and told to go to Sean Hagan's Office for 11 am one morning to provide a statement as we had originally discussed. I went alone to Mr Hagan's office and I was interviewed by a Police Officer, D/Inspector Irwin and made a statement. I have said it before in my last statement, but the statement I did give was false. I do not remember where I spoke to Robert Atkinson after that, but he asked me did everything go ok. I said it did. I was present during a conversation after that when Michael spoke to Robert Atkinson about the Solicitor's bill and telling him that he hoped that he would not

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have to pay for it. Robert Atkinson said that he would settle it with the Solicitor and pay the bill himself. I hear nothing else about this again and we never did get a bill from the Solicitor. I am not aware of any telephone calls made from the Tae Kwon Do Club to the Prison at the Maze although I do know that Michael knew a club member Trevor Leathem who worked in the Prison. I visited Alistair Hanvey on one occasion with Michael, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were members of the club and there had been a collection in the club to get something for Alistair's birthday. The only mention made of Tracy Clarke was by Alistair who asked how she was. There was no discussion about the information she had given the police. I do not if Robert Atkinson ever went to see Alistair and I never spoke to Robert about visiting Alistair. I don't know if Michael ever told him. I never spoke with Robert Atkinson about the matter after Alistair Hanvey was released and we never discussed the cover story again. The only people that I would be aware of that would have known about the cover story to support Atkinson were Michael, Michael's brother [REDACTED] who Michael had told, Robert Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson, Kenneth and Elizabeth Hanvey. I have never discussed this with the Hanvey's but Robert told me that he had spoken to the Hanvey's about it when the cover story was being planned. Tracy had told me as time went on that people were not talking to her. I am not aware of any reasons why Tracy refused to give evidence. Tracy has never told me that any part of her statement is untrue. As far as I am aware Robert Atkinson or Michael did not approach Tracy Clarke in an effort to stop her from giving evidence. I have been thinking about who was at my house on the night of Saturday 26 April 1997. We did have another couple who sometimes came to our house, these people

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were Rodney Smith and Joy Kitchen. Rodney lived [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Joy lived at [REDACTED]

When I think about it, this couple may have visited the house on that Saturday night and when they came out to our house they did use taxis.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

ANDREA MCKEE

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

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