

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOHN MCDOWELL

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I declare that this statement consisting of 3 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 12 day of June 1997

DERECK BRADLEY
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

JOHN MCDOWELL
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Detective Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary attached to CID South Region. On 10 May 1997 I saw a person in an interview room at Lurgan RUC Station who was identified to me as Paul Rodney Marc Hobson, DOB [REDACTED] I entered the interview room at 1822 hours. Other people present apart from Hobson were Detective Constables Edward Honeyford and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Solicitor. Hobson was told that we had a number of items taken from his house that morning. The interview continued in question and answer format as follows:

Q This one here is a grey sweater, Misano, or Masuno.

A Masuno.

Q Seized from the wash basket in the bedroom. Have you a sweater like that.

A Yes.

Q Were you wearing it during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April.

A It was either that or else I have a grey Nike one I was wearing.

Q Again another item taken from your house, a grey Nike sweater.

Do you recall having it on in the early hours of Sunday the 27th.

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A It was either that one or that there other one I was wearing.

Q It was either that one or the previous one the Mizuno.

A Yes.

Q We have here a pair of blue jeans, EH3, would you have been wearing those on the morning in question.

A Yes.

Q Yes. Just for the record the first item, the Mizuno sweater is EH1 and the Nike sweater is EH2. Another item here, EH4, a black leather jacket with the name Classic on it. Would you have been wearing that on the Sunday the 27th of April during the early hours.

A Well I was (inaudible). You see that other black jacket, I am sure it was that you I was wearing.

Q That one.

A Yes.

Q The Classic one.

A Aye.

Q Is there a difference in the two, stylewise.

A Yes a wee bit aye.

Q What difference.

A That one has buttons on it and the other one has a zip.

Q Well I will mention another jacket. Now this one has police identification mark GW1. One black leather jacket with the name Rocky Leather on it. Would you have been wearing that one on Sunday the 27th of April 1997.

A No I think it was the other one I was wearing.

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- Q So you think it was the Classic one.
- A Yes.
- Q Police identification mark GW2 refers to a pair of blue Pepe jeans. Blue Pepe jeans, would you have been wearing those on Sunday the 27th of April.
- A I have another pair of blue Pepe jeans, I was wearing anyone, so I was.
- Q How many pairs of blue Pepe jeans have you.
- A A few but there is only two dark pairs that I have and it was a dark pair I was wearing.
- Q Well would it have been that pair.
- A Aye it might have been but the other pair is dark too, aren't they.
- Q Yes.
- A Aye it was between one of them two anyway.
- Q Either one of the two pairs that you have been shown.
- A Yes.
- Q The last two items here, a pair of trainers, a pair of Airmac training shoes. Police identification mark GW3 and GW3A refer. Were you wearing those on the night, the morning in question.
- A Yes.
- Q Last but not least, GW4 is the police identification mark and it refers to a grey Nike tee-shirt. Do you recall having this tee-shirt on on the morning in question.
- A Yes I think it might have been that tee-shirt, I am not too sure. I think it was that one.
- Q Right. That's everything.

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I then left the interview room at 1827 hours in possession of the above mentioned items.

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