

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PATRICIA MURPHY

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

I declare that this statement consisting of 4 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 28 day of August 2001

W MCDOWELL DSGT
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

P MURPHY DC
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Detective Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC at present attached to CID South Region. On 10th April 2001 at 6 am, I along with other police attended a briefing with Detective Chief Superintendent Stewart at Mahon Road Portadown in relation to a search/arrest operation. Following the briefing I along with D/Constable [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to the car park of Northern Ireland Electricity Customer Services at Carn Industrial Estate, Portadown. At 0839 hrs I observed a green Vauxhall Cavalier, vehicle registration mark [REDACTED] enter the car park. A female alighted from the driver's side and myself and Detective Constable Patterson approached her. We identified ourselves as Police and enquired if she was Eleanor Atkinson. The female confirmed her identify as Eleanor Atkinson. At 0840 hrs I informed Mrs Atkinson that I was arresting her for Conspiracy to Pervert the Course of Justice concerning the murder of Robert Hamill on dates between and including 27 4 97 and 25 11 97. I cautioned her in accordance with Article 3 Criminal Evidence (NI) Order 1988 as follows, "You do not have to say anything but I must caution you that if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court it may harm

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your defence. If you do say anything it may be given in evidence."

Mrs Atkinson replied, "Can I ring my husband." Mrs Atkinson was then conveyed to the Custody Suite at Gough Barracks, Armagh by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], D/Constable [REDACTED] and myself. At 0910 hrs we arrived at the Custody Suite and [REDACTED] authorised the detention of

Mrs Atkinson. At 1503 hrs on the same date I accompanied by

[REDACTED], commenced a tape recorded interview with

Eleanor Atkinson, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], in an

interview room at Gough Barracks, Armagh. Also present was Sean Hagan

Solicitor and [REDACTED], an investigation officer from the Police

Ombudsman's office. At the conclusion of this interview at 1545 hrs

one master tape was selected by Mrs Atkinson and sealed in her

presence. The master tape seal number is T255549A and it was marked

with the identification mark CP1 and [REDACTED] and I

signed it. I have read a typed summary of this interview now labelled

and marked CP14 and I agree with its contents. At 1546 hrs I,

accompanied by [REDACTED] commenced a taped

interview with Mrs Atkinson. Again present was Sean Hagan and

[REDACTED]. At the conclusion of this interview at 1622 hrs one

master tape was selected by Mrs Atkinson and sealed in her presence.

The master tape seal number is T255550A and it was marked with the

identification mark CP2 and [REDACTED] and I signed

it. I have read a typed summary of this interview now marked CP15 and

I agree with its contents. At 1835 hrs on the same date I collected

the following exhibits from the Exhibits Room in Gough Barracks,

Armagh; 1 MI14 - Itemised bill Mr R Atkinson dated 11 9 97 and

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2 DL4 - Taxi log for 27 4 97 from Call A Cab, West St, Portadown. These items were to be shown to Mrs Atkinson in a further interview. At 2110 hrs I accompanied by [REDACTED] commenced a tape recorded interview with Mrs Atkinson. Again present was Sean Hagan and [REDACTED]. At the conclusion of this interview at 2129 hrs one master tape was selected by Mrs Atkinson and sealed in her presence. The master tape seal number is T262761A and it was marked with the identification mark FDS4 and [REDACTED] and I signed it. I have read a typed summary of this interview now marked CP16 and I agree with its contents. At the conclusion of this interview Mrs Atkinson was informed that she was to be released on bail until 8 5 01. At 2135 hrs I returned exhibits MI14 and DL4 to the Exhibits Room. At 2142 hrs Mr Sean Hagan requested to speak to me. He was in a room with his client Eleanor Atkinson who was waiting to be released. Mr Hagan informed me that there was something that Mrs Atkinson wished to clarify. Mrs Atkinson then stated that when she had been asked during her interview about her friendship with Kenneth Hanvey she had thought this to mean on a social basis. She had not mentioned the fact that she worked with Kenneth Hanvey at NIE where he is a foreman. Mrs Atkinson stated that she wanted to make it clear that she had not tried to distance herself from Hanvey. A note to this effect was made in the Custody Record by myself before leaving the Custody Suite at Gough Barracks.

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P MURPHY DC

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

[REDACTED]