

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF MICHAEL IRWIN

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

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 22 day of January 2001

[REDACTED]
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER
by whom statement was recorded or received

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I am a Detective Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently attached to the Criminal Investigation Department, South Region. On 5th December 2000 I became aware of a phone message which requested myself to contact a Michael McKee at [REDACTED]. As a result of this information I contacted D/C/Insp K [REDACTED] by phone. As a result of that phone contact I then phoned Michael McKee. He related that he now lived at [REDACTED] and that he had received a letter and a bullet inside an envelope. I then contacted D/C/Insp K [REDACTED]'s office in Armagh and spoke to D/C Supt McBurney and updated him of the situation and that I had arranged to call with Michael McKee. I was directed that D/Sgt H [REDACTED] would interview Michael McKee with myself. I subsequently travelled to [REDACTED] with D/Sgt H [REDACTED]. On arrival Michael McKee and an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were the only persons present in the house. Michael showed us the items he had received in the post and outlined how he had received them. I requested that we take the items for further examination and record statement regarding their accounts. I subsequently recorded a witness statement from [REDACTED] in her living room. On entering the kitchen I found Michael McKee in an emotional state. D/Sgt

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H [redacted] was present with Michael McKee. On being asked what was wrong he related that he had a lot on his mind. He related that he didn't want to talk about it to us as he wanted to discuss it with Ann Marie. On asking him why he felt he had got the letter/bullet sent to him he related he didn't know who sent it. Again on being asked why he thought it had been sent, he remained quiet for a period and then stated he didn't know. Whilst D/Sgt H [redacted] was in the process of recording a witness statement Michael McKee left the kitchen and walked into the living room where [redacted] was located. After a short period we followed him into the living room and located him sitting on a chair and in which he was crying. He then composed himself and returned to the kitchen whereupon the witness statement was recorded. During this period I was in contact by phone with D/C/Insp K [redacted] and D/C/Supt McBurney in which they were briefed on what was occurring in the house. Prior to leaving the house I obtained elimination prints from [redacted] and Michael McKee. I gave them advice on their personal security and informed them of what action was going to be pursued reference the investigation. On leaving the house at 2 45 pm I contacted D/C/Supt McBurney by phone and informed him of our actions. I subsequently travelled to Gough Barracks, Armagh where I briefed D/C/Supt McBurney/D/C/Insp K [redacted] and a Mr Mehaffey Police Ombudsman regarding what had occurred at [redacted]

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

