

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF:

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Name

Rank

AGE OF WITNESS (If over 18 enter "over 18"):

OVER 18

To be completed when the statement has been written.

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

16th

day of

May

2002

Michael Wilson

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am an Acting Detective Inspector of the Police Service of Northern Ireland at present attached to South Region CID. On 11 April 2002 at 10 00 am accompanied by D/Constable J I called at the home of Rodney Smyth. We spoke to Rodney Smyth at door step. I asked to let us into his house to speak to him as there was workmen outside within hearing distance. He told us that he didn't want us in his house. On arrival I introduced myself and D/Constable J. He stated that he remembered me. I told him we were there to see him as we had received a letter from his solicitor Mr . He then recounted that I had been with him on two occasions with another policeman and that we had recorded notes and returned to take statements. He stated that he had heard that he had been talked about at a pub in Portadown by certain people that he didn't want to name and that he didn't want his statement to incriminate people. He then recounted what he had said in his statement and said with Portadown being what it is he didn't want to go to court because he had heard his name mentioned and was afraid. We enquired if he had been threatened and he said he hadn't but he feared greatly that he would be attached if he was to give evidence. On Tuesday 14 May 2002 accompanied by D/Constable J I visited Mr Michael McKee at HMP Maghaberry. He was already aware of our identities. I explained the reason for our visit. I informed him that we were inviting him to make a written witness statement about the entire Atkinson incident. He stated that he wanted to put the whole thing behind him and didn't want to make

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a statement. Talked about general matters. On leaving I told him that if he changed his mind he could get in touch with us. He said that was OK. Visit from 10 55 am - 11 25 am. On Wednesday 15 May 2002 accompanied by D/Constable J I went to the home of Joy Kitchen at [REDACTED]. This was at 5 30 pm. Spoke to her in through the back door. She appeared to know us as she immediately said hers is the same as Rodney's. I asked her to explain what she meant by this and she stated that through a friend she had heard that their names had been mentioned and she wanted nothing more to do with it. I asked had she been threatened. She said no. I asked was she in fear and she said no. She stated again that she wanted nothing more to do with it.

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