

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JAMES MURRAY

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I declare that this statement consisting of 6 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 16 day of November 2000

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

JAMES MURRAY

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I am the husband of [REDACTED] who is commonly known as [REDACTED] Clarke. I live at [REDACTED]. My wife's brother Michael McKee lived at [REDACTED] with his wife Andrea which is just across the square from us. In 1997 I was living at this address with my wife [REDACTED] Tracey Clarke and my son [REDACTED]. I can recall the 27th April 1997 as I remember hearing about an incident on the radio that morning. Tracey told me prior to the radio news about the big fight. Tracey said she stayed to watch because it was great crack. I remember her sitting on the chair at the kitchen with her back to the back door, that was always her seat. She said they all came back from the Coach and there was a fight. She said a lot ran up to the fight and Alistair Hanvey was there. I don't know if Alistair went to the Coach but Tracey saw him in Portadown. Tracey and Alistair's relationship was on one day and off the next. I remember the news coming on sometime that day but I can't be sure if Tracey was there when it came on. I remember sometime on that day and Tracey saying she didn't want to go out with Alistair anymore because of what he'd done. I think this was because of the injuries Hamill had. Tracey was saying that Alistair was an animal if he'd done that to Hamill. I remember

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one day around that time sitting at the table in the kitchen with Tracey. Tracey was in her Going Places uniform. I normally took her into work in Portadown. She said that Alistair wanted to take her out for lunch. She said Alistair wanted to meet her and he had given her dogs abuse on the phone and pestered her until she gave in and he wanted to talk to her to get it sorted out. I think Tracey confided in someone in Going Places after she made the statement. The boss in Going Places didn't want the windows broke and asked Tracey to move on. I think they had a place for her in Lisburn Going Places but Tracey didn't want to go. I think a girl called Pauline who worked in a vegetable shop at [REDACTED] called something the "Day Fresh" kept walking past Going Places and looking into the shop. I remember after Tracey met Alistair for lunch Tracey said that Alistair felt quite proud of what he'd done this was after [REDACTED] had asked her how she got on with Alistair. Tracey also said that Alistair said sure he was only a fenian bastard and that was the type of attitude he had. Again sometime when I was sitting at the kitchen table with Tracey, Tracey said she had went over to the back of the landrover to talk to Robert Atkinson. She said he told them thats the ones on the street and Alistair to go on and he told Alistair to get them clothes burnt. Tracey said she had been sitting on the curb and Atkinson was by himself at the back of the landrover so she went over to him and that when she heard him telling them to go and telling Alister to burn his clothes. I was raging at Atkinson saying this to Alister Hanvey if he had been involved in beating up Robert Hamill. My wifes brother Michael and his wife Andrea were very close with Robert and Eleanor

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Atkinson because Robert Atkinson daughter [REDACTED] went to Michaels Tae Kwon Do Club at [REDACTED]. I remember Andrea and Michael telling us that one Drumcree they met Robert Atkinson at Drumcree they had been there to protest and drink and it was very wet. They said they met Robert Atkinson he was on duty and he had given them towels to dry themselves. For about 6 years prior to 1999 I was at home as a carer looking after my wife [REDACTED] who has a neurology disease and her father who was also ill. I remember sometime after the Hamill incident a police landrover would call at Michaels at [REDACTED] and Robert Atkinson would call at Michaels door. This happened sometimes twice a week and Robert Atkinson would always go to the front door. He didn't always get Michael or Andrea in and he just left. I remember on the night Tracey went to the Police Station to make her statement I was in bed we got a phone call to our house I think [REDACTED] told me that Andrea called to say she was with Tracey and would look after her. I think John McAteer took this statement. I remember Andrea later saying that she came from the gym to the chinese and took Tracey to the Station. I remember I got up that night and when Tracey came home she was crying and [REDACTED] was comforting her. I also remember although I don't know exactly when Tracey said Alistair had got rid of the clothes and burnt them. Tracey had bought him a silver jacket from Paranoid for that Christmas thats 1996 and I never saw it after that Hamill incident. The jacket was silver, like anorak material without the lining in it. I remember the jacket had an orange stripe on the sleeves the jacket only came to his waist and it looked too small for him. I don't remember if Tracey said the jacket was burned but I do

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remember her saying that the clothes were burnt. There was never no conversation as to where the clothes were burnt. I remember Tracey buying Alistair a dear jacket because she said she was paying it off every week in Paranoid. I don't remember Tracey buying any other items of clothing out of any other shops for Alistair. I remember Andrea telling me that Tracey told Police that Atkinson had told Hanvey to burn his clothes. Andrea didn't seem annoyed that Tracey had said this about Atkinson even though they were friends. I don't even remember Michael mentioning anything about Hanvey or Atkinson telling him to burn clothes. I don't remember hearing anything about a party that Tracey went to after the fight.

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JAMES MURRAY

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

