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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JAMES MICHAEL MCKEE

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

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 09 day of October 1997

MICHAEL IRWIN
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

J MCKEE
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am the Chief Instructor of the Ulster Tai Kwon Do Club and I am the proprietor of the gym located at Unit 19, Brownstown Business Centre, Portadown. I have had the gym at Brownstown for approximately twenty two months. It was through my association with the club I got to know Eleanor and Robert Atkinson. They have a daughter [REDACTED] who regularly attends the club. As a result of our friendship my wife Andrea and I call regularly at the Atkinson's home. On a number of occasions we would just call in unexpected. I can recall my wife Andrea and I calling with the Atkinsons. This would have been a Saturday night. We had the intention of having a social drink however, on arrival I became aware that Robert was working at Portadown RUC Station. My wife and I sat in Eleanor's house chatting. As on regular occasions we stayed that night. I get up early every morning including Sunday's as I open the gym at approximately 9 am. On getting up on this Sunday morning with Andrea, as usual we were treated to our breakfast. We were chatting with Eleanor and she had mentioned that there had been a row involving the ones coming from the Coach. I have a niece, Tracy Clarke. I was aware that she regularly went to the Coach and I was concerned regarding her safety. Tracy is my sister's daughter.

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Although I have little contact with my sister I do have contact with Tracy. Tracy had met an Allister Hanvey at my club and they had got engaged. As a result of my concern I rang Allister Hanvey's home. I got Hanvey's phone number from my wife. I spoke to Kenny Hanvey, who I had also met through my club. I asked if Tracy was at his house. He told me she wasn't and I said that was fine. I didn't ask about Allister nor did I mention there was trouble in the town centre. I didn't ring my sister, Irene's house because at that stage we weren't on talking terms. After the phone call I left the Atkinson's house with Andrea and we both went to the club. I believe Andrea would have heard me talking on the phone. I have been shown an itemised bill marked MI14. I have been directed to a phone call on 27th April 1997 at 8.37 am. I can't state if the number [REDACTED] is that of Hanvey's however, the call was made sometime before 9 am. At no stage on the morning of the 27th April 1997, nor at any time in fact, during that visit did I see or speak to Robert Atkinson.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS J MCKEE

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

