

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF RODNEY STEPHEN SMYTH

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

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 04 day of November 2000

[REDACTED]

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

R S SMYTH

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I am known as Rodney Smyth and I am presently living a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with my girlfriend Joy Kitchen. I have previously lived at [REDACTED]. I am presently involved with Tae Kwon Do and take classes in Lurgan Rugby Club. In 1997 I was training in [REDACTED] at a gym run by Michael McKee. I got to know Michael and Andrea McKee through the Tae Kwon Do and on occasions socialised with them. I can recall on at least 3 occasions being at their house at [REDACTED]. On one occasion I was at their house playing a guitar and I remember Michael and Joy keeping me going because I wasn't very good. On another occasion I remember Michael had just had key hole surgery to his knee and he was sitting with it up on a stool. On another occasion there was a barbecue at Michael and Andrea's and myself and Joy were there with Robert and Eleanor Atkinson, a boy called [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED]. I don't remember what dates these were however I think they were in 1997. I have been asked by police to recall the 27th April 1997 and I have checked my shift pattern which was what I call a continental shift pattern and from this I can state that I was off the weekend of 27th April 1997 although I cannot specifically remember what I did that weekend. It is

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possible that I was at Michael and Andrea McKee's that weekend although I can't be sure. I have been shown a copy of a taxi log showing Smith from [REDACTED] to town at 2 15. On the occasions I was at Michael and Andrea's if I had been drinking I would get a taxi and I have got taxis from their home before and it is possible this was me and Joy getting a taxi from [REDACTED], Michael and Andrea's to my home which was at [REDACTED] in 1997. I don't have a set taxi firm that I would normally use although I have used Call-A-Cab in the past and in 1997 and I still do infact I used them last night. I have been asked if I was ever at Michael and Andrea McKee's watching boxing. It is possible but I can't remember for example if Tyson or Naseem were on I may have been at there house watching it as I think they had Sky T.V and I didn't. I know nothing about any story connected with the Hamill murder that involved the Atkinson's or McKee's. I knew Robert and Eleanor Atkinson to speak to although they weren't close friends.

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

