

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM TREVOR LEATHAM

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

I declare that this statement consisting of 4 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 November 2000

[REDACTED] W T LEATHAM  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER SIGNATURE OF WITNESS  
by whom statement was recorded or received

I live at an address known to police. I have been asked by police about my association with Michael McKee of the Tae Kwon Do Club in Portadown. I started attending the Tae Kwon Do Club in the Town Hall in Lurgan about 1994. I would take my son to it. Then I started taking my son to McKee's Club in [REDACTED] and then onto the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when Michael moved the Club to there. I started getting more involved in the Club then, doing some electrical work at the [REDACTED]. I began to get friendly with other members of the Club. Bobby Atkinson and his wife, [REDACTED] and his wife and others which names I can't remember now. At one stage Michael asked me to become secretary of a separate wee club within the main club. This separate Club was to raise money for outings and the like. In fact I was treasurer not secretary. It was during this time Michael would have rang me at my place of employment HMP Maze. The calls would have been to do with electrical work with the club and also about the buying of a sun bed and a sauna from the Social Club at HMP Crumlin Road which was closing down. I have been asked if I know anything about a cover story being made up between Michael McKee and Bobby Atkinson in relation to the death of Robert Hamill. I know nothing about any story. What I can

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say is that when Alistair Hanvey was arrested for his involvement in the Hamill death I was speaking to Bobby Atkinson at the Tae Kwon Do Club in [REDACTED]. It was a normal club training night. It was either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday night. I was speaking to Bobby Atkinson about Alistair being lifted. It was possibly me who started the conversation. Bobby said they were in the landrover going up the other side of the street when they seen a fight breaking out at the corner of Woodhouse Street in Portadown. He said there were a few people involved. He said they went on up the town and came back down to where the fight was taking place. That is Bobby and the police in the landrover. When he got back down he told me he seen Alistair Hanvey standing back watching the fight. Bobby told me that Alistair was either drunk or high on drugs. He said Alistair was standing watching. Bobby told me he told Alistair to fuck off home out of the road. He said Alistair stood and argued for a while. He told me that Alistair did eventually go away. I asked him about the fella who was on the ground. Bobby told me that they had to get an ambulance for him. I didn't have any other conversation with Bobby about this. This conversation took place when Alistair was still in police custody or had just been remanded. Whilst Alistair Hanvey was on remand in H1 in the Maze Prison I was speaking to him. I had been given a job to do in the block in which he was. I think it was 'C' wing or 'A' wing. having known Alistair from the Tae Kwon Do Club I said to him "What sort of fucking idiot are you did you or didn't you", meaning did he do what he was in for, the murder of Robert Hamill. Alistair said "I don't know I can't remember". Thats all the conversation I had with him. I saw him

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on one other occasion in the prison but was not speaking to him. I haven't spoke to him since he was released.

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