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R-V- ATKINSON, ATKINSON AND HANVEY

BEGINNING OF DECEMBER 2003

At the beginning of December 2003 Andrea [REDACTED] was contacted by Detective Constable Patricia Murphy, Regional Crime Squad (South), in order to make arrangements for her to travel to Northern Ireland to give evidence on behalf of the Crown in the Preliminary Investigation in the case of R-v- Atkinson, Atkinson and Hanvey.

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2003

On the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 Andrea McKee was again contacted by Detective Constable Murphy to confirm final travel arrangements for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2003. She was to be collected at her home at 5 am by Detective Constables Murphy and [REDACTED] and travel to Belfast via Manchester Airport. Andrea [REDACTED] appeared happy with the arrangements and at no time during the conversation did she mention the fact that her son, [REDACTED] was sick.

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2003

On Sunday morning the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2003 Andrea [REDACTED] contacted Armagh Police and told them that she would be unable to attend court on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> because her son was ill. At about 10 30 am Detective Constable Murphy contacted her. She stated that her son [REDACTED] had mumps and oclitis and that there was a fear that that the child could have a fit due to his high temperature. She explained that his illness had started two weeks ago with an ear infection. He had seen the Doctor on two occasions at the surgery and on one occasion at home. She explained that her intention was to take the child to the Doctor the following morning, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. She stated that [REDACTED] from Strathmore Surgery, Wrexham, had prescribed him Amoxicillen and Calpol and that she was not prepared to leave him with anyone. She was apologetic and stated that she could not attend court due to the child's illness. When asked if she could attend on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> she said "Definitely Not". Detective Constable Murphy discussed with her the possibility of attending on the following Monday and Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. She stated that she didn't know but felt that she would have to say No as she didn't know how much better her son would be and she would not leave him if he was ill.

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2003

On this date the case was adjourned at Craigavon Magistrates Court. Wrexham CID was asked to carry out enquiries with Andrea [REDACTED]'s Doctor to confirm the child's illness.

Police confirm that [REDACTED] and Andrea [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] at Strathmore Surgery at 10 25 am, The relevant entry from his medical file states:-

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"Child presented with otitis media and persistent glands in neck – review if doesn't settle – query for bloods – Prescription for Penicillin Elixir given"

TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2003

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2003 Andrea [REDACTED] contacted police to say that she had received a threatening letter. This letter, purported to have been sent by the Loyalist Volunteer Force in Portadown, threatened her if she went ahead to give evidence in the case. This letter was recovered by the local police and was returned to the PSNI for investigation

Enquiries made at the Northern Ireland Mail Centre at Mallusk identified that the letter was first processed by the Royal Mail between 0030hrs and 0059hrs on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003. The automation performance engineer concluded from this information that it was probable that the letter was posted in Northern Ireland on 19<sup>th</sup> December. It is not possible to state where exactly in Northern Ireland the letter would have been posted. The letter has been scientifically examined. A number of Fingerprints have been recovered from the letter and from the inside and outside of the envelope. To date these remain unidentified.

STATEMENTS RECEIVED FROM DOCTOR BARKER

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2003: -

Confirms that he treated the child on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 for an ear infection with the possibility of mumps.

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2003: -

Confirms that he had a house visit to the child on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and prescribed antibiotics for an ear infection and possible mumps. No records could be found at Strathmore surgery in relation to this home visit. (Andrea [REDACTED] insisted that this visit had taken place.)

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2003

Police contacted Andrea [REDACTED] in relation to the medical treatment received by her son. She stated that [REDACTED] had called at her home on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and had prescribed antibiotics and nose drops. She also stated that on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 she had telephoned the Pendine Park out of hours clinic at night because of the child's high temperature. She states that she was told to give him Calpol and to phone back in half an hour. She did this and as the child's temperature had not come down she and her partner had taken the child to Pendine Park clinic where they saw a lady Doctor.

STATEMENT OF DOCTOR BATES DATED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2003

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003: -

States that he searched records at Pendine Park out of hours surgery for the periods 6pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 until 8am on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and could find no record of calls from an Andrea [REDACTED] on behalf of her son [REDACTED]

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WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2003

Police contact Andrea [REDACTED] again but she remains adamant that they went to Pendine out of hours clinic.

Wrexham CID checked records at Pendine Park and could find no record of Andrea [REDACTED] contacting or attending the clinic over the week-end commencing 19<sup>th</sup> December.

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004

A consultation with Andrea [REDACTED] in attendance – [REDACTED] Assistant Director DPP, Mrs C Smyth, Barrister, K [REDACTED] and H [REDACTED] During this consultation she confirmed her willingness to give evidence in the case providing that she wasn't living at the same address.

She also stated that she contacted and attended Pendine Park out of hours surgery over the week-end commencing 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003, she spoke to a female who may have been a receptionist, and the child was seen by a grey haired Doctor. When she attended the surgery with the child she was accompanied by her partner P48 [REDACTED]

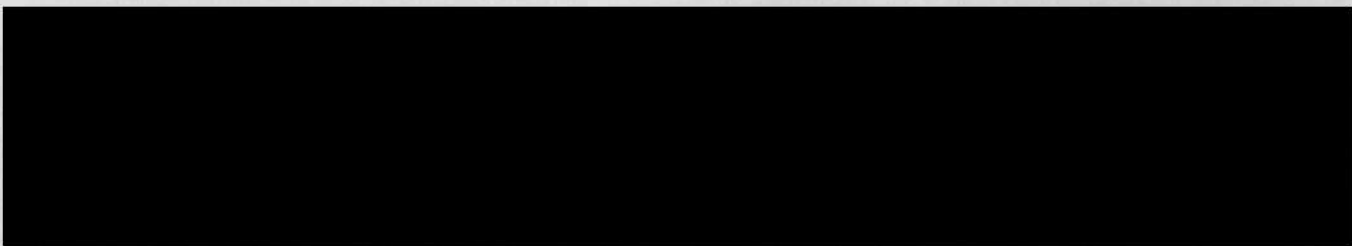
TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004

J [REDACTED] and D/Sergeant John Munn, Crime Department, spoke to Andrea [REDACTED] and her partner P48 [REDACTED] in their home in relation to the threatening letter and the Witness Protection Scheme.

She stated that she was still willing to give evidence so long as she moved house although she emphasised that she would not move away from the Wrexham area.

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004

NOT FOR DISCLOSURE



It is also assessed that while the letter is signed, "on behalf of the LVF, protecting the protestants of Portadown, For God and Ulster – No Surrender", the motto used by the LVF is "Simply the Best Leading the Way,"

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ENQUIRIES MADE BY PSNI IN WREXHAM

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The three Doctors on duty for Pendine Park Out of Hours Surgery for the period 6 00pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 – 8 00am on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 were [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Statements were recorded from all three. They have no recollection of Andrea [REDACTED] her son or partner having attended the surgery.

The receptionist on duty for this period was [REDACTED]. She has no recollection of anyone by these names or description having been treated at Pendine during that period.

The three Doctors on duty for Pendine Park Out of Hours Surgery for the period 6 00pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 – 8 00 am on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2003 were Drs [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. All three were spoken to and have no recollection of Andrea [REDACTED] her son or partner having attended the surgery.

The receptionist on duty for this period was [REDACTED]. She has no recollection of anyone by these names or description having been treated at Pendine during that period.

Copies of the Call Log Sheets of each of these Doctors have been obtained. These do not show any record of Andrea [REDACTED] or her son having attended Pendine during this period.

[REDACTED] a receptionist at Pendine has checked their records for the month of December 2003 for the names Andrea [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the address of [REDACTED] all with negative result.

The procedure at Pendine for patients attending the surgery out of hours is to forward a copy of a log sheet which contains the patient's name, address, date of birth, telephone number, patient's GP and symptoms to that patient's own GP following treatment. Records at [REDACTED] and Andrea Jones medical practice (Strathmore) have been checked for such a copy but these have proved negative.

### TELEPHONE ANALYSIS

Telephone billing in respect of landline and mobile phone numbers associated with Andrea [REDACTED] and her partner [REDACTED] P48 [REDACTED] have been obtained and analysed. There is nothing to indicate any calls to or from Pendine Out of Hours Surgery during the week-end of 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003.