

(b) Witness A. I saw witness A in the presence of Mr Davidson. Due to her age she was accompanied by her parents who seemed respectable and responsible people. I took her through her statement. She was not unexpectedly nervous and slightly hesitant in some of her answers. However she struck me as being entirely credible and reliable in her evidence. I would have been content to give full weight to her evidence in my opinion. It was clear that she may be a reluctant witness and I explored this with her first of all and then discussed it with her parents and the police. She stated that she did not want to give evidence. She further stated that the reason she did not want to give evidence against Hanvey was that she still loved him and that as against the others they were her friends. She realised the importance of the matter but was quite clear that she would not give evidence. Were there evidence upon which it would have been proper to make an application under Art.3 of the Criminal Justice (Evidence) N.I. Order 1988 I would advise so doing. The position however was that it was only her parents who said anything which would have laid the grounds for this. On the basis of her declared reason for not wishing to give evidence no application could legitimately have been made. Accordingly I asked Mr Davidson to liaise with the police and obtain instructions for me as to the position. I was instructed that Witness A was not to be a witness and should therefore be ignored for the purposes of my opinion.

(c) Witness B. I saw witness B with Mr Davidson in attendance. His father was also present. Witness B informed me that he had no recollection of the events set out