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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF STEPHEN JAMES BLOOMER

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, STEPHEN JAMES BLOOMER, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will 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.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
2. In April 1997, I was living in Portadown in my parents' house. I was 18 or 19 years of age and I think I was in employment at the time but I cannot remember.
3. I have been referred to my statement dated 29 May 1997 containing page numbers **9151 to 9152**. I do not recall making that statement but I know I would not have put anything misleading in a statement. I no longer have any recollection of the events of the evening of 26/27 April 1997.
4. In 1997, I sometimes went to the Coach Inn on a Saturday night. I usually went with Kyle Magee and Conor Black. I am told I went there on the night in question and returned to Portadown by bus but I cannot remember the evening. If that is right, the bus would have dropped us off near where the Classic was.
5. I note that in my statement I refer to walking to Boss Hoggs to get something to eat and then to Call-a-Cab to get a taxi home. If I walked from Boss Hoggs to Call-a-cab I would have walked up High Street, taking the right-hand branch along West