

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF BRIAN HERRON

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF December 2008

I, BRIAN HERRON, 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. It is important to note that this statement made to the Robert Hamill Inquiry relates to events ten years previously and is the text from a verbal interview and not a prepared report to specific written questions.
2. I am a Neuropathologist and am presently a Consultant at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), Belfast. I am initially a medical doctor with the qualifications MB BCH BAO. Subsequently, I obtained the DRCPATH, which is a Diploma of the Royal College of Pathologists. I then became a Member and subsequently a Fellow (FRPATH) of the same College. My specialty is neuropathology, so I am a Consultant Neuropathologist. I am also a general pathologist, in that I run the adult autopsy service for the majority of the hospitals in Belfast. In addition, I am an autopsy examiner for the Royal College of Pathologists final FRCPATH examination.
3. Some important points need to be made in order for the inquiry to understand my job and my involvement in the case of Robert Hamill:
 - I am a full time employee of the NHS based at the Royal Victoria Hospital. I work in a team with one other Neuropathologist and a number of scientific and secretarial staff.

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