

STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF DESMOND GEORGE JACKSON

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008

I, DESMOND GEORGE JACKSON, 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. I joined the RUC in 1977. In 2001, I was a Detective Chief Inspector Investigations in the Internal Investigation Branch (IIB).
3. On 3 May 2001, DS Karen Kennedy asked me to read some papers on the Robert Hamill murder investigation and to give my opinion on them. From memory I cannot be sure of the exact papers I received, but the papers consisted of a minute from DCS Colville Stewart, dated 29 January 2001; a report from Mr Chris Mahaffey (S10) Police Ombudsman's Officer (PONI) dated 2 February 2001 and a number of statements. The papers identified two police officers, namely DC Keys and Inspector Alan McCrum, who had been served with Form 17/3s. From recollection there were also additional papers/files referring to two completed investigations; one by DI Irwin and one by DCS McBurney. I recall that I had to read the papers quickly as I was involved in another investigation and was preparing to go to America in two days to complete an investigation in person.
4. The reports of DCS Colville Stewart identified "*concerns pertaining to what appears to be inaction on the part of certain officers at the scene of the assault of Robert Hamill on 27 April 1997*" and concluded, "*I believe that had basic*