

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOY SMYTH (nee Kitchen)

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, JOY SMYTH, 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 in a relationship with Rodney Smyth who is now my husband. Rodney and I started going out in early-mid April 1997. At the time, we socialised with Andrea and Michael McKee who we knew through the Tae Kwon Do Club where we both trained. I had joined the Tae Kwon Do Club in I believe September 1996 and Michael McKee was my instructor. Rodney and I do not have contact with Andrea or Michael now, as we had a falling out with them years ago probably around 1998. The falling out was over matters not involving the events of 26/27 April 1997 but linked to Rodney's own Tae Kwon Do classes.
3. I do remember hearing about a fight in the town centre of Portadown and someone dying I must have heard it on the news or read about it in the paper, it is now so long ago I cannot say how I heard about it. I cannot recall seeing any fighting in the town centre. Rodney and I did not socialise in Portadown town centre.