

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE BRIAN MARSHALL

DATED THIS 12 DAY OF March 2008

I, LAWRENCE BRIAN MARSHALL, 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 a reporting officer in the biology section of the Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland ("FSANI"). I have a degree in physiology and I went straight to FSANI from university. I was responsible for reading submission forms, specifying the work that needed to be done and issuing directions for that work. During the course of the examinations on a particular case I was responsible for overseeing the work. The latter included for example directing which blood stain to lift off which garment and considering whether to send material out for DNA typing. Once the work was complete, I was responsible for reviewing it and preparing a statement for the police.
3. I have been asked to outline the procedure adopted in 1997 for requests by the RUC to examine materials. Attached to the laboratory was a Submissions Unit staffed by police personnel. If the detectives investigating a case wished to submit material to the FSANI it went firstly to the Submissions Unit and the police personnel employed there would act as a filter and decide which material would be submitted and which would not. The irrelevant material was filtered out at that stage. If the material was considered relevant, it would then go to the Customer Services Unit. The Customer Services Unit then prepared a case file for the relevant department of the FSANI. Once allocated to a department, that