

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF P89

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, P89, 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 relevant page number.
2. I served with the PSNI, formerly known as the RUC, for 27 years and retired on medical grounds in 2001. In April 1997 I was stationed at Portadown Police Station. At that time I think I had been there for around a year, having come from Lurgan. I had been based in Portadown for six years previously before being transferred to Lurgan so it was my second tour of duty in Portadown.
3. On the night of 26/27 April 1997, I was on duty to supervise my section which was referred to as "C Section". P91 was the duty Inspector and my superior. It was my responsibility to give the briefing to "C section" that night which I did at 23.45.
4. I also briefed the mobile support unit at 00.10. This unit consisted of Reserve Constables P40 P61 and P70 and Constable P103 who has been retained from their earlier shift to support my section. These officers would have commenced duties around 15.45 that afternoon and would normally work through until midnight or just after. They were retained that night to provide a patrol of the town centre and had been briefed to pay particular attention to the