



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOHN McDOWELL

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 2008

I, JOHN McDOWELL, 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 served with the RUC between 1979 and 2001. In 1997, I was a Detective Constable attached to CID in Portadown. I became attached to CID in June 1983.
3. On Saturday 26 April 1997, I was on the early shift between 08:00 am and 16:00. On Sunday 27 April 1997, I was scheduled to cover the late shift between 15.00 and 23:00. At 07.00, however, Detective Chief Inspector P39 telephoned me and asked me to come in early. She said there had been a serious assault in the town the previous night and there was quite a bit of work to do. I got to the station by about 08.00.
4. When I got there, I attended a briefing given by Detective Chief Inspector P39. She told us that Mr Hamill and Mr D had been assaulted by a large crowd of people and were in hospital. I think Detective Constable Donald Keys, who was the other detective constable on duty, was also at the briefing. I do not recall anyone else being present.