

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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STATEMENT OF COLETTE QUINN

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF September, 2008

I, COLETTE QUINN 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 am a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biochemistry and I have a Masters Degree in analytical chemistry. I am employed by the Forensic Science Agency for Northern Ireland in the biology section as a reporting officer. In 1997 I had transferred into the biology section as a reporting officer.
3. In 1997 contact with the Royal Ulster Constabulary depended on the type of case. If it was a case which required scene examination then a call would come through to the duty scientist who would dispatch the 'on call' reporting officer to the scene and at that stage first contact would be made with the senior investigating officer. If there was no scene examination, the police would initiate a request for examination by sending forms and exhibits into the Submissions Unit at the Laboratory who would authorise the work and the forms would be sent through customer services to the biology section or to any other section as appropriate.
4. The submission forms were titled A, B, C and D. The A form gives the general outline of the incident and then B and C were the injured party and the suspect forms. Form D was for any items that were not associated with either the suspect or injured party.