



STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF IAN RITCHIE

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, IAN RITCHIE, 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 presently serving as a Reserve Constable (RC) with the Tactical Support Group in Mahon Road, Portadown. In 1997 I was a RC in the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) and I was attached to J1 Mobile Support Unit (MSU) based in Mahon Road, Portadown.
3. At some stage I had been trained to carry out searches, but I cannot recall the date. Carrying out searches was a role that I performed quite often.
4. I made a statement on 13th May 1997 concerning a search conducted at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A copy of the statement is contained at page 795. I first became involved in the Robert Hamill investigation on that day. From my notebook entry, a typed copy of which is contained at page 50018, I can see that this was Allister Hanvey's house.
5. I am reminded from my notebook entry that I was detailed at 8:00am by Sergeant [REDACTED] to carry out the search. My statement dated 30th January 2001, a copy of