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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF NEIL RITCHIE

DATED THIS DAY OF 2008

I, NEIL 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. In April 1997 I was living in Portadown with my parents and my sister Jill. I made a statement to the Police dated 13 May 1997, [pages 09157 to 09159] the contents of that statement are true. My memory of the events are now no longer as clear when I made my statement in 1997.

3. In 1997 I went to the Coach Inn at Banbridge by bus with my mates on a regular basis. It wasn't particular people it was anybody who were going really.

4. On the night of 26/27 April 1997 I went to the Coach Inn in Banbridge. I do not recall who I was there with. I returned to Portadown by bus. I do not recall who I was with when I returned to Portadown but I have no reason to doubt that my statement [page 9157] is incorrect in saying *"I got off the coach with Timmy Jameson and we walked to Boss Hoggs. "I* was friends with Timothy Jameson at the time.