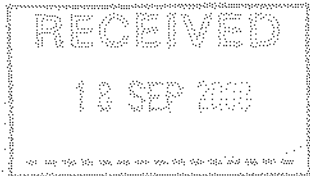


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF P40

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPT 2008

I P40 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 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 made a statement to the Police dated 27 April 1997, which is at pages 695 to 696. That statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. In April 1997 I was a full time Reserve Constable in the RUC stationed at Portadown. I had been a Reserve Constable for about 15 years. I left the RUC in January 2000 and I am medically retired because of an injury sustained on duty. The injury I sustained in 1996 during a public order incident in Portadown. I was also having cognitive problems at that time.
4. After my initial two week training I was posted to Clogher and from there to Portadown, Mahon Road and back to Portadown where I was stationed for about 5 years prior to April 1997. Initial training covered statement making and report writing with a week's weapon training. I was not trained in first aid but did have a one day course early in my service on public order duties.
5. On 26 April 1997 I was working a late shift 16:00 to 00:00 at Portadown. This duty was extended until 03.00 for public order patrol in the town centre although we had no public order equipment and I had no public order training. This was a normal occurrence on a Friday/Saturday night for part of the late