

## STATEMENT OF MICHAEL IRWIN

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I make this statement from both my recollection of events and from documents made at that time. Due to the fact that I am now referring to events some 11 years ago, the sequence of those events and my recollection may, at times, not be as detailed or as accurate as I would have preferred. It is under these circumstances that I state that to the best of my knowledge the events outlined below are my true recollections, accounts, views and, on occasions, opinions on this matter.

### Background/CID Structure

In April 1997 I was the Detective Inspector within the Criminal Investigation Department stationed at Portadown RUC Station. I had been promoted as a uniform Inspector on 27<sup>th</sup> November 1995 and moved to the Criminal Investigation Department, Portadown on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1997. I had previously been a Detective Sergeant and a Detective Constable in the Criminal Investigation Department. As Detective Inspector of Portadown I was responsible for Portadown and Banbridge Sub Divisions. These Sub Divisions were located within 'J' Division, which also consisted of Lurgan Sub Division. Another Detective Inspector was responsible for that Sub Division. Detective Chief Inspector P39 was my immediate line manager and was responsible for 'J' Division Criminal Investigation Department. 'J' Division was located within South Region Criminal Investigation Department that also included 'G', 'H' and 'K' Divisions. There were two Detective Superintendents whom I believe were Detective Superintendent [REDACTED] and Detective Superintendent [REDACTED], each of whom had responsibility for two divisions within South Region, and one Detective Chief Superintendent, Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney, who had overall responsibility for South Region Criminal Investigation Department. Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney as Head of South Region Criminal Investigation Department answered to the Regional Assistant Chief Constable. All CID detectives in South Region were under the control and direction of Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney.