

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ANTHONY BYRNE

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2009

I, Anthony Byrne 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 1997 I was a taxi driver working for A-2-B Taxis. The base was at the bottom of Woodhouse Street. The office was inside the barrier and so if I started work after 6.00pm I would not be able to drive back to the office after doing a run. I could park outside the barriers and walk to the office if necessary.
3. On 26 / 27 April 1997 I was working the evening shift. I would usually have come to the base at 6.00pm or 6.30pm for the evening shift.
4. I remember picking people up from St. Patrick's Hall that night. There was a large crowd outside the hall waiting on taxis when I picked up the last few of my customers. When I was returning to, as far as I can remember, the Tunnel Bridge to be near the base I picked up a couple who wanted to go to the Garvaghy Road. They had come from St. Patrick's Hall, down Woodhouse Street and walked under the bridge and I picked them up at the beginning of Obin Street. They were a couple of hundreds yards away from the junction of Woodhouse Street and Thomas Street. This was outside the barriers.
5. The couple were a man and a woman; I think they were married. The male was a small lad, I imagine in his twenties. I cannot remember what the lady looked