

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF COLVILLE STEWART

DATED THIS *13th* DAY OF *MAY* 2009

I, COLVILLE STEWART, 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 was appointed by Sir Ronnie Flanagan on 15 December 2000 as the Senior Investigating Officer on the investigations into the death of Robert Hamill and alleged conspiracy by Reserve Constable Atkinson.
3. I have made previous statements and reports in connection with these investigations.
4. I joined the RUC in 1970 and spent a considerable amount of my service within CID. In December 2000 I was a Detective Superintendent and the Deputy Head of CID for the Northern Region of the Force. I had attended the SIO course Major Serious and Series Crime Course at Bramshill and had been an SIO for some time.
5. I was promoted to the rank of Detective Chief Superintendent in February 2001 upon the retirement of Maynard McBurney. I retired from the PSNI on 6 April 2002 after 32 years service.
6. On 15 December 2000 I met with David Wood and Chris Mahaffey from the Ombudsman Office to discuss the ongoing investigation which was being