

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM McCREESH

DATED THIS DAY

OF

2009

I, William McCreesh 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. I have previously not made a statement in relation to the Robert Hamill case and I do not have any notes to assist my memory other than those supplied by the Hamill Inquiry.
3. I joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1960 and retired from the force in December 1999. On retirement I was the deputy to the Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) in South Region and I held the rank of Chief Superintendent.
4. During almost forty years of police service I served in every rank between Constable and Chief Superintendent in Londonderry. In 1985 I was promoted to Superintendent and posted to Portadown as the Sub Division Commander. I was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent from Portadown back to Londonderry and I remained there for a year before moving to 'C' Division (Cookstown and Dungannon) as the Division Commander. I then moved to work directly with the military to co-ordinate planning and anti-terrorism in South Region and from there I moved to be the Deputy ACC in South Region.
5. My role as Deputy ACC largely involved planning and coordinating operations, particularly concerning anti-terrorism. I worked closely with the military.