

Witness Name: Colm Toman

Statement No. 1

Exhibits: CT1-CT3

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### THE ROSEMARY NELSON INQUIRY

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#### Witness Statement of Colm Toman

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I, **Colm Toman**, will say as follows:-

1. I am a resident of the Kilwilke Estate in Lurgan.
2. When we were growing up, we were mentally tortured by the security forces just because we were republicans. They used to come onto the estate and give us gip and so we would give some gip back. We would then get thumped. They just picked on you. If I saw a foot patrol I knew that I would be stopped and harassed. It didn't make any difference whether it was army or RUC, both were involved in the harassment. It was a normal part of growing up in the area. It was like it was their job to hassle us. If they saw you, they would be straight over.
3. Even if I was just going for a walk in a field, I would still be harassed. One minute a helicopter would be overhead and the next minute a foot patrol would be after you.
4. I sought Rosemary Nelson's legal services on a number of occasions in the 1990s when I was arrested and interviewed at Gough Barracks. I was, however, never charged or