

RNI DE-CLASSIFIEDWitness Name: **M540**

Statement No. 3

Dated: 28 January 2009

THE ROSEMARY NELSON INQUIRY

Third Witness Statement of **M540**

M540 will say as follows:

1. I have made a statement to the Inquiry setting out my evidence as the Deputy SIO and latterly the SIO of the murder investigation team. I have made a second statement to introduce and validate some additional information requested by the Inquiry. I make this third statement after interview with the Inquiry solicitors to address the issue in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference as to whether or not the murder investigation was obstructed in any way.
2. I have been asked to explain my role as Deputy SIO of the Murder Investigation Team. The SIO is the individual who leads an investigation into serious crime. As Deputy SIO my role was to support the SIO, deputise when necessary and carry out duties consistent with my position when directed by the SIO. This was the first time that I had worked with Mr Kinkaid. I was an experienced Detective and considered myself to be competent in all aspects of criminal investigation including the investigation of murder and other serious crime. On occasions Mr Kinkaid would ask me to deal with certain elements of the investigation were he knew I had particular skills or experience, an example of which was overseeing the forensic side of the investigation as described in my first statement.