

Witness Name: George Dale Carson

Statement No. 1

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Dated: ...*17th January 2008*...

THE ROSEMARY NELSON INQUIRY

Witness Statement of George Dale Carson

I, **George Dale Carson** (known as Dale Carson), will say as follows:-

1. I joined the police as a Cadet in 1978 and I have served as an Officer in the RUC (latterly the PSNI) since then. During my career I have worked in Lurgan for two separate periods; for about 8 years, between 1985 and 1993, working as a Detective Constable in the Drugs Squad, and after promotion in 1994 between 1996 and 2003 as a Detective Sergeant in Lurgan CID. During my later spell working in Lurgan, I was one of two Detective Sergeants in the CID office. We reported to a Detective Inspector. A uniformed Sub-Divisional Commander had overall responsibility for running the station. I would describe my work at that time as being that of an ordinary operational Detective Sergeant in a very busy policing environment.
2. I was on pre-arranged leave on 15 March 1999, the day that Mrs Rosemary Nelson was murdered. I had worked 7 straight days from Monday 8 March including the whole of the weekend up until 11.20pm on Sunday, 14 March 1999. I was dealing with general criminal