

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: Thomas Anthony SIMMONS  
Name RankAGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): Over 21

To be  
completed  
when the  
statement has  
been written.

I declare that this statement consisting of 4 page, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 22nd day of September 19 98

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statement was recorded or received

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Today I attended the offices of the ICPC, Belfast where I have been introduced to DCI [REDACTED] and DS Neligan of the Metropolitan Police. Also present were GERALYN McNALLY, and Jennifer Mitchell of the ICPC and Edmund Lynch of the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland. I have been shown a typed copy of a statement I made to Pat Vernon, who wrote it, and I had signed and dated it 06/11/97 which is the day I made that statement. I made this statement as a result of a written request from Rosemary Nelson's office and the contents of it relate to when I was arrested in March 1997 for alleged terrorist matters. I can't remember what day it was but it would have been about 3.30pm at my home address, at that time, in [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] I was taken direct to Gough barracks after having been searched. Nothing was found. I was held in custody there for four days. On my reception I requested a solicitor. They asked me who I wanted and I said I don't mind. They said would Rosie Nelson do and I said, "Yes". During my time in custody I was interviewed four or five times each day by two pairs of plain clothes police officers whom I will now describe. The first pair were two white males. One was stocky, overweight, aged late 40's with short black hair with a side parting. He was wearing a tweed check suit and was smart. The second male I would describe as 6'1" tall, late 40's, fair hair, short combed back. He was wearing a smart grey check suit. The second pair of interviewing officers I would describe as follows. One was male, white, 5'8" tall, slim build with grey hair combed back. He was in his mid-50's with heavy stubble and wore glasses. He wore a suit and smoked. The second was male white, clean shaven and in his mid 40's. I can't recall his description any

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