

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: VERNON Patrick Solicitor  
Name Rank

AGE 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 it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 21st day of September 19 98

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom statement was recorded or received

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am a practising solicitor with 14 years post qualification experience and I am employed at Rosemary Nelson and Co, Solicitors, Lurgan, County Armagh. On 29/06/98 at about 9.30am I was told by somebody at the office that a James DONNELLY had been arrested, was being held at Castlereagh Holding Centre and that he had requested legal advice. I was asked to attend which I did. I'm not sure at what time I arrived as I was at Craigavon Court that morning and I attended Castlereagh following court. James DONNELLY is not a client of mine and I had never met him before. When I attended the holding centre I was brought to an interview room by uniform police and I was introduced to James DONNELLY. Initially he wouldn't speak to me as he didn't know me, and therefore didn't trust me. He asked me for my identification which I produced to him. He then told me what he had been arrested for and that he had been interviewed. He seemed confident that he had nothing to worry about as he had not been involved in any of the activities that had been alleged. I gave him legal advice regarding his rights under PACE and the Codes of Practice. I told him if he needed any further advice to contact my office. He had no complaints to make at that time. I then left Castlereagh, the consultation having taken about an hour during which I made notes. These notes are with the case file held at my office. I returned to my office and continued my work for that day and then later that day a call came in about 5pm-5.30pm from police at Castlereagh requesting my attendance regarding James DONNELLY. I attended the holding centre later on that evening at about 7.30pm-8.00pm where again I was shown to an interview room and spoke to James DONNELLY. He appeared nervous and

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