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To the Presiding Judge

I am happy to put on record that without the assistance of Andrea McKee, it is highly probable that the Police investigation into the death of Robert Hamill and the subsequent follow-up investigation into the conspiracy by Police Officers and others to pervert the course of justice in respect of the Hamill enquiry, would not have made the progress that it has.

Mrs McKee first came to the notice of the Police investigating the death of Robert Hamill when she, of her own accord, put Police in touch with a vital witness. Indeed having informed Police of the existence of this witness, she then accompanied that witness to Portadown RUC Station for formal interview.

This public spirited assistance took a somewhat backward step when Mrs McKee became involved in the aforementioned conspiracy, together with her then husband, Michael McKee. I am satisfied that this backward step was taken out of misguided loyalty to her husband, which was to change when she and her husband split up and she left the Portadown area.

In June 2000, following this split up, Police contacted Andrea McKee and during the course of interview she readily admitted that she had lied in support of her husband, and went on to give a detailed description of how she and others, whom she identified, had conspired together.

Following on from this information, Detectives were able to mount a thorough investigation into those mentioned by Mrs McKee, which in turn led to a number of arrests and seven persons being reported to the DPP for prosecution.

I can confirm that Andrea McKee has been made aware that she faces prosecution for a serious offence, and that she has indicated her willingness to assist the prosecution of others by turning Queen's evidence.

Yours sincerely

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