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Case No: 64679/03

WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, S.9; MC Act 1980, SS.5A(3a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981 r70)

Statement of: Phillip Richard HOFFMANN

Age if under 18: Over 18 Occupation: HM Forces (Army)
(if over 18 insert "Over 18")

This statement 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, 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 the 16th day of October 2003

Signature: PR HOFFMANN

I am the above named person.

I am a Sgt in the Royal Military Police.

About 1812 hrs Mon 4 Aug 03, at Badger Sqn Lines, 2 RTR, "The Hacienda", Route 6, North of Basrah, BFPO 647, I arrested and cautioned S009 [REDACTED], of that unit on suspicion of manslaughter. S009 [REDACTED] was afforded his rights in accordance with PACE 1984. Also present at this time were SSgt Cooper S, RMP (SIB) of my unit and [REDACTED] (SSM) Bannister, 2 RTR.

I subsequently recovered the following items of property from S009 [REDACTED], which I have exhibited as follows:-

- PH/1 - Combat 95 Trousers Desert
- PH/2 - Desert Combat 95 Jacket
- PH/3 - 1 x set of webbing DPM
- PH/4 - Rifle 5.56mm and 3 magazines ser no: UN93A342604

I have signed the attached exhibit labels.

Signed: PR HOFFMANN

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It was also intended to recover S009 combat helmet cover, desert boots and combat body armour cover. However, after representation from WO2 Bannister that S00 may need those items for his personal safety, it was arranged to collect them AM Tues 5 Aug 03. Therefore, about 1830 hrs that day S009 was released from arrest.

About 1930 hrs that day, at 150 Pro Coy RMP lines, Basrah Palace, BFPO 647, I recovered the following items from S008 RMP, which I have exhibited as follows:-

- PH/5 - 1 pair of quik cuffs ser no: 297160
- PH/6 - Pistol 9mm serial no: BL82A35918
- PH/7 - 1 x ASP serial 545515
- PH/8 - Rifle 5.56mm serial no: UN91A190388
- PH/9 - 1 pair of desert boots
- PH/10 - Black nylon material belt & holster
- PH/11 - DPM chest webbing
- PH/12 - Desert DPM trousers
- PH/13 - Desert DPM body armour cover
- PH/14 - Desert DPM shirt

S008 and I have signed the attached exhibit labels.

About 1240 hrs, Tue 5 Aug 03, at Badger Sqn Lines, 2 RTR, "The Hacienda", Route 6, North of Basrah, I recovered the following items from Lt C Rimmer 2 RTR, which I have exhibit as follows:-

- CP/1 - 1 pair of desert combat boots
- CP/2 - 1 desert DPM helmet cover
- CP/3 - 1 desert DPM body armour cover

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Lt Rimmer and I have signed the attached exhibit labels.

About 1750 hrs, that day at 11 EOD Regt RE, SLB, BFPO 645, I obtained a Free From Explosive (FFE) certificate from [REDACTED] SSgt O'Donnell J, for exhibits PH/4, PH/6 and PH/8. It was during this examination that exhibit PH/4 was re-exhibited as follows:-

PH/4 - Rifle 5.56mm ser no: UN93A342604.
PH/4a - Magazine 5.56mm
PH/4b - Magazine 5.56mm
PH/4c - Magazine 5.56mm

I have signed the exhibit labels.

I retained these exhibits in my possession until Wed 6 Aug 03, when I handed them to Sgt Bamford K, RMP (SIB) of my unit.

PR HOFFMANN
SGT
RMP (SIB)

Signed: PR HOFFMANN

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