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MOD Form 266A/B
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Case No: 64872/04

**SERVICE POLICE
WITNESS STATEMENT**

(CJ Act 1967, S.9; MC Act 1980, ss5A (3a) and MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of: Basima Abdul Hassan KHAZAAL

Rank/Status: Mrs

Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: Housewife

This statement (consisting of 4 pages 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, 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.

Signature: BAH KHAZAAL

Dated 27th December 2004

I am Mrs Basima Abdul Hassan Khazaal, and I am born in 1973. I am the wife of Capt Abdul Hussain Talab Hassan. My husband was killed in an incident on Friday 17th December 2004. I was present during the incident and I would like to tell what I can recall about the incident.

At about 5.30pm on Friday 17th December 2004 I was going home in Al-Zubayr with my husband and daughter, aged 3 years old. My husband is an Iraqi Policeman and he was off duty at the time and was dressed in civilian clothing.

We were travelling in our private vehicle, which is a Daewoo Prince, 1996 make, white in colour. I was seated in the front passenger seat with my daughter in my lap. The car is a left drive vehicle.

I am aware that my husband was carrying his personal weapon at the time, which is a pistol. He had it tucked in the left side of his trousers. It was dark at this time and the windows of the car were put up as it was cold.

I do not remember how long we've remained in the car but I do recall that we were travelling in the direction of Al-Zubayr, and we have reached the junction of Shaibah and Al-Zubayr. At this time the traffic in the street was heavy.

As the street was busy, we were travelling at moderate speed. We were not speeding. We were travelling at the same speed as the other cars on the road. We were talking as usual and my husband was in good spirits and was his usual self.

The next thing I remember was that I suddenly saw bright lights up ahead but I cannot state how far away they were from us or what these lights were. Immediately after seeing the lights I heard the sound of gunshots. These were fired in the direction of our car. I do not know where these shots

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have landed in the car as everything was happening really quickly and I was scared. I do not recall how many shots were fired, but the sound of the shooting was very loud. I do not know if the first shots have gone through the front windscreen or where they landed in the car.

After that our car started to swerve off track to the left. My husband hasn't said anything and I did not have the chance to say anything to him. After that I recall that our car has swerved off its track and was now on the sand and then the car began to spin and it was out of control.

After a few seconds the car has come to a halt and I could see that my husband's head has landed on my left shoulder and he was not moving. At first I thought that he was unconscious, and I began to shake him to wake him up. It was dark and I could not see what was wrong with him, but when I touched him I felt something on my hands that I thought to be blood, and so I realized that he had been shot.

I started to panic and me and my daughter began to bang on the windows of the car, but I am disabled in one of my legs and I was unable to open the door as it only opens from the outside, and that is why I was banging on the window. I was screaming at the time and me and my daughter were very shocked because of what had happened.

At no time did I see my husband move or remove his weapon from his trousers. My husband did not fire his weapon at any time. Everything happened very quickly and that is why my husband did not have the time to get his weapon out and return the firing directed at our vehicle. That is why I can state that my husband has not fired his weapon. I do not know who was firing at our car or why.

At the time of the incident my husband was driving normally and was not speeding. My husband was not overtaking any vehicles prior to the incident. We were in line with the other vehicles on the road. We have been travelling in a normal way with the other vehicles. The road we were on was a one lane road and that is why we did not overtake any other cars or switch lanes. I do not recall any details of other cars. I do not recall seeing any military vehicles. It was dark and I wasn't paying much attention.

After that I recall that I managed to get out of the car with my daughter and we both fell into the mud. After that I recall that I managed to get to the side of the road. I tried to stop cars to help me and no one has stopped. After about 30 minutes of trying, a car has eventually stopped. There was a man in it and I did not know him. I told him what has happened and that my husband was still in the car.

I do not recall what has happened after that, but I think that other cars have stopped as well, but the first person who has stopped has moved my husband from our car to his. I can state that at that time my husband's weapon was still tucked in his trousers. I can state this as the people who have stopped to see what was happening have brought this to my attention.

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After my husband was moved to the car of the man who initially stopped, me and my daughter have gotten into the car and the four of us went to the Basrah Jomhoury Public Hospital. We left our car at the scene of the incident. I do not know the name of the person who has helped us, but I believe that the police are aware of his identity.

Upon arrival at the hospital my husband was taken into the hospital but I was not allowed in due to the state that I was in. At the hospital I was told that my husband was still alive, but I believe that they only told me so to calm me down. Due to the darkness throughout, I cannot be sure where the bullets were in my husband's body. I do not where he was shot or how many times.

After that I went to my family's home to get help from my brothers in case we needed a blood transfusion. At the same time I called my brother in law and told him what has happened, and he said that he will go to the hospital.

I am aware that upon the arrival of my brother in law at the hospital he was told that my husband was dead. After that I returned to the hospital where I was able to see my husband. I was in such a terrible state and that is why I cannot recall where the shot wounds were in his body. After about 45 minutes, my husband's body was released to the family at about 8.15 pm.

Signed: BAH KHAZAAL

Signed: P REID
SSgt
RMP (SIB)

This statement was translated by me from Arabic to English to the best of knowledge and belief.

Signed: [REDACTED]
SIB INTERPRETER

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