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

Statement of: Hareth Habeeb Othman Thiab AL-TAMIMI

Rank/Status: Mr (Iraqi Civilian)

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

Occupation: Taxi Driver

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) 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: HHOT AL-TAMIMI

Dated 3rd January 2005

I am Hareth Haebeeb Othman Thiab Al Tamimi, born [REDACTED] and I am an Iraqi civilian and I currently reside in [REDACTED] and I work as a taxi driver. The vehicle I drive is [REDACTED]. I do not know the license plate number of it.

On Friday 17th December 2004, I was working and have finished working sometime in the late afternoon. At around 6.30 pm of that day I decided to go home. I was travelling from Al-Zubayr to [REDACTED] where I live. To get from Al-Zubayr to my home, I take Al-Zubayr Motorway. At that time I was alone. I remember that I've been driving for about 15 minutes on the motorway. During that time the traffic was heavy and this is normal at that time of day and it was dark.

I recall seeing about 10 cars parked up on the side of the road on both sides of the carriageway. There were so many people who got out of their cars. I decided to stop my car to see what was happening as someone might have needed help or there might have been an accident. I did not speak to anybody when I got out of my car as I didn't know any of them. However, a short while later I asked one of them what has happened and they told me that someone was killed but I don't know who it was.

After that I recall seeing a lady sat in the middle of the central reservation. She had a young child with her but I do not know if it was a boy or a girl. The lady was by herself and she was crying hysterically and was in a distressed state. I went over to the lady and asked her what had happened. She told me that her husband was killed and that he was in a nearby car.

At that time I could see a nearby white saloon car. After that I went over to the car and looked inside it. Inside the car I saw a man seated in the driver's seat and it was obvious that he was dead as he was not moving. He was slumped over to his right side. I could not see any wounds on the

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man's body as it was dark and I could not see very well. The man looked older than 30 years of age but I cannot be more specific. I cannot describe how the man looked like due to the darkness but I do recall that he was wearing a pair of trousers and a shirt and that he was not wearing the police uniform.

I did not search the man and I could not see if he had a weapon. I did not see a gun or any other weapon inside the car or on the man. But it was dark and that is why there might have been a weapon that I could not see due to the darkness.

After that I tried to remove the man from the car to take him to hospital, but he was very heavy and I could not carry him by myself. So I asked for the help of a man I do not know but he was present, I asked him to help me move the dead man from the car to my car.

I did not take notice of the car that I removed the man from and I did not notice if there had been any damage to it. I did not look inside the car. I put the man in the back seat of my car. The man's wife was seated in the front passenger seat with the child. When I moved the man from his car to my car I did not take notice if he had a gun on him or not. I did not notice if there was a gun tucked into his trousers.

Immediately after that I drove my car from where I had stopped to the hospital. I think the journey took 30 minutes and I went to the hospital via Al-Zubayr Motorway.

At no time did I stop during the journey. I recall that we passed an IPS check point at the Al-Zubayr Bridge en route to the hospital but we did not stop to speak to the IPS and they did not try to stop my car.

Upon arrival at the hospital, I was allowed into the hospital's parking lot as I have explained to the security guards that I had a dead man in my car. When I stopped the car, two of the hospital workers came over to my car and helped me remove the dead man from the car.

It was too dark outside the hospital. The man was put on a trolley/stretchers and was taken into the hospital. I was not allowed into the hospital in with him. From the time that the man was removed from the car until he was put on the stretchers and being wheeled into the hospital I did not see if he had a gun in his possession. At the hospital I did not see what injuries the man had sustained.

After the man was taken away I agreed to take the dead man's wife to her home but the Iraqi Police arrived and took me in for questioning.

To conclude this statement, I would like to state that at no time did the dead man's wife tell me how her husband was killed and I did not ask her as she was upset and crying. I never saw a weapon in the car that I removed the dead man from nor did I ever see a weapon on him.

En route to the hospital, I never stopped at the IPS check point on Al-Zubayr Bridge and I never handed any weapon to the Iraqi Police during this journey. I can state that the location at which I

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have stopped to help is on Al-Zubayr Motorway at the Shaibah/Zubayr Junction. There were no Iraqi Police cars at the location at that time nor were there military vehicles.

Signed: HHOT AL-TAMIMI

Signed: P REID
SSgt
RMP (SIB)

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

Signed: [REDACTED]
SIB INTERPRETER

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