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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980
Criminal Justice Act 1967Statement of STEPHEN MICHAEL PARKINSONAge of Witness (if over 21 enter 'over 21') OVER 21Occupation of Witness RADIO INVESTIGATION OFFICER

This statement, consisting of SIX 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.

Dated the SECOND day of MARCH 19 94Signed Signature witnessed by 

On the 8th of December 1993, I together with David Ian Cowie, Malcolm Cameron Foulds and Keith Barry Sherrard, Radio Investigation Officers visited the premises of NUMBER 2, [REDACTED] ROAD, OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, [REDACTED], together with PC 8937 from the Merseyside Police. Our visit was in response to complaints received to domestic television and radio reception.

At approximately 15.10hours we pressed the three bell push buttons by the rear door, to which there was no response. It was then necessary to force open the door to gain access. We traced the antenna feeder along the corridor and when we came to a second door we knocked loudly and still there was no response. It was therefore necessary to force open the second door. Beyond this door we traced the cable into flat number 7 and after knocking, the door was opened by a man who I now know to be RONNIE [REDACTED]. We identified ourselves as officers of the Department of Trade and Industrie's Radio Investigation Service and we told him we were visiting the premises in connection with an illegal broadcast station and had a warrant to search the premises.

Signed 

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(C.J. Act, 1967, S.9; M.C. Act, 1980, S. 102; M.C. Rules, 1981, r. 70)

Continuation of statement of STEPHEN MICHAEL PARKINSON

On entering the flat we found transmitting equipment and other items which constituted an illegal broadcast station. I told RONNIE [REDACTED] that I would have to ask him some questions relating to a breach of the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act. I gave him a copy of our search warrant and also a notice of powers and rights under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

I asked him his name, address, date of birth and occupation, to which he replied "RONNIE [REDACTED], 25B [REDACTED] ROAD, WALLASEY", and date of birth as "3 February 1971", occupation "unemployed". I then cautioned RONNIE [REDACTED] at 15.24 hours, by saying "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence, you are not under arrest and are free to leave. Do you understand the caution?"

- A. "Yes"
Q. "Who owns this equipment?"
A. "No comment, its a collaboration of all different people"
Q. "Who is the occupant of this flat?"
A. "Not sure"
Q. "Who allowed you access to the flat?"
A. "No comment"
Q. "Who installed the equipment?"
A. "The actual turntable equipment and the receiver are in my charge"
Q. "Who installed the transmitter?"
A. "No comment"

At this point a man who I know to be MARK [REDACTED] entered the flat.

I continued questioning RONNIE [REDACTED] by asking.

- Q. "What frequency were you transmitting on?"
A. "105.1FM"
Q. "When did you last transmit?"
A. "8/12/93 at 3pm"
Q. "When did you last transmit before today?"
A. "Unsure"
Q. "When did you first transmit?"
A. "Unsure"
Q. "Do you hold a licence to transmit on 101.5Mhz?"
A. "I don't think so"
Q. "Do you know you need a licence to transmit on 101.5Mhz?"
A. "Yes"
Q. "Is the occupier aware that you were using the flat to transmit?"
A. "Unsure"

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- Q. "What call sign do you use for the radio station?"
 A. "ZEE 100"
 Q. "Do you run the station all by yourself?"
 A. "At the moment yes"
 Q. "What name do you use when you transmit?"
 A. "Alchemist"
 Q. "Does the owner of the flat know that you use the flat to run ZEE 100?"
 A. "Unsure"

I again cautioned RONNIE [REDACTED] at 15.45hours by saying "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence. Do you wish to say anything?"

A. "No"

I then read back my notes to RONNIE [REDACTED] and told him that he could correct, alter or add anything he wished and he signed my notebook to indicate it was a true and accurate record of the interview which had taken place. The book was also signed by myself and my colleague Mr Foulds.

I told RONNIE [REDACTED] that I considered that offences had been committed contrary to the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 and that I would be reporting these matters.

Whilst I had been interviewing RONNIE [REDACTED], a man who I know to be MARTIN [REDACTED] had entered the premises at 15.40hours and had referred to MARK [REDACTED] as "DOC".

I then turned to MARK [REDACTED] and asked him his name, address, date of birth and occupation. To which he replied "MARK [REDACTED], FLAT 7, 2 [REDACTED] ROAD, OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, L43 SOMETHING, date of birth 28 JANUARY 197[REDACTED], occupation UNEMPLOYED".

I then cautioned MARK [REDACTED] at 15.56hours by saying. "You do not have to saying unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence, you are not under arrest and are free to leave. Do you understand the caution?"

- A. "Yes"
 Q. "Are you aware that a radio station has been operating from these premises?"
 A. "Yes"
 Q. "What is the station called?"
 A. "Z 1000"
 Q. "What frequency do you transmit on?"
 A. "No comment"

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M. D. [REDACTED]

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Continuation of statement of STEPHEN MICHAEL PARKINSON

Q. "Who owns this equipment?"

A. "No comment"

Q. "Does the owner of the flat know you are using it for an illegal radio station?"

A. "No"

I again cautioned MARK [REDACTED] at 16.05hours by saying. "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence, do you wish to say anything?"

A. "No"

I then told MARK [REDACTED] that I considered may have been committed contrary to the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 and that I would be reporting these matters.

I read back my notes to MARK [REDACTED] and he signed my notebook as a true and accurate record of the interview that had taken place.

I then turned to MARTIN [REDACTED] who had been sitting in the room and I asked him his name, address, date of birth and occupation, to which he replied "MARTIN [REDACTED], FLAT 7, 2 [REDACTED] ROAD, OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, L43 don't know the rest. Date of birth 14 January 197[REDACTED], occupation STUDENT".

I queried as to whether the address he had given me was correct and he told me he had moved recently from [REDACTED]

I then cautioned MARTIN [REDACTED] at 16.10hours by saying. "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you say may be given in evidence, you are not under arrest and are free to leave. Do you understand the caution?"

A. "Yes"

Q. "Why are you in these premises?"

MARTIN [REDACTED] paused and then told me that his correct address was FLAT 4, NUMBER 2, [REDACTED] ROAD, OXTON, BIRKENHEAD, L43.

I repeated my question "Why are you on these premises?"

A. "I was just passing and I thought I would see Ron"

Q. "Are you aware that an illegal radio station was operating on these premises?"

A. "No comment"

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Continuation of statement of STEPHEN MICHAEL PARKINSON

- Q. "Have you ever been associated with a radio station ZEE 100?"
 A. "No comment"
 Q. "Have you ever considered yourself as an engineer for ZEE 100?"
 A. "No"
 Q. "Do you own a computer?"
 A. "Yes"
 Q. "How long have you had it for approximately?"
 A. "I don't know about a year"
 Q. "What college do you attend?"
 A. "Wirral Borough Road, College"
 Q. "What are you studying?"
 A. "A levels"
 Q. "A levels in what?"
 A. "Physics and maths"
 Q. "Do you use your computer for your college work?"
 A. "No"
 Q. "Do you have a printer for your computer?"
 A. "Yes"
 Q. "What sort?"
 A. "Dot matrix"
 Q. "What make?"
 A. "Don't know"
 Q. "Have you heard of a radio station called KISS FM?"
 A. "No, oh, I have actually, yes in London"
 Q. "Have you ever made a transmitter?"
 A. "No"
 Q. "Would you know how to make a transmitter or identify the component parts of one?"
 A. "No"

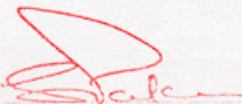
I again cautioned MARTIN [REDACTED] at 16.20hours by saying, "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence. Do you wish to say anything?"

A. "No"

I then read back the notes to MARTIN [REDACTED] and he signed my notebook as a true and accurate record of the interview that had taken place.

I then turned to a man who I know to be STEPHEN [REDACTED] who had entered the premises shortly after we had arrived. I asked him his name, address, date of birth and occupation. To which he replied "STEPHEN [REDACTED], FLAT 1, [REDACTED] ROAD, OXTON, [REDACTED], date of birth 13 SEPTEMBER 197[REDACTED], occupation UNEMPLOYED"

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I then cautioned STEPHEN [REDACTED] at 16.29hours by saying, "You do not have to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you do say may be given in evidence, you are not under arrest and are free to leave. Do you understand the caution?"

A. "Yes"

At this point STEPHEN [REDACTED] proceeded to leave the room and whilst he past me I asked him. "Are any of the records yours that we took?"

To which he replied "Yes about 18 of them"

At this point he was standing at the entrance door to the flat and I asked him if he wished to answer any more questions to which he replied "NO".

RONNIE [REDACTED] was then issued with receipts by Mr Cowie for the equipment we had seized, receipt numbers 00530, 531, 532, 533, 534 and 535.

I turned to MARK [REDACTED] as occupier of the flat and told him that he was being left responsible for the security of the premises and we left at approximately 16.35hours.

SIGNED 
STEPHEN MICHAEL PARKINSON
RADIO INVESTIGATION OFFICER

I corroborate the above statement

SIGNED 
MALCOLM CAMERON FOULDS
RADIO INVESTIGATION OFFICER

Signed Signature witnessed by 