

STATEMENT OF WITNESS A

at the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street. I met up with Stephen Bloomer at Poundstretcher and I just sat down beside him. I saw two people lying on the street, one was near the centre of the road and the other was near the footpath close to Eastwoods. The person I saw in the middle of the road I thought was dead as he was not moving. It was at this time I saw a number of persons gathered around the person lying in the centre of the road. These persons were kicking the person on the ground around the head and body. I saw them jump on the person on the ground. They jumped all over him and kicked him. I saw the persons who were doing this and I can identify them as

(1) Dean Forbes (2) Alister Hanvey (3) Stacy Bridgett (4) 'Muck'

(5) Rory Robinson. The other person lying near Eastwoods was being helped by Michelle Jamison but I saw persons run up and kick him around the head and body and Michelle was telling them to stop. At that time I saw a number of Police behind the crowd who were attacking the two persons lying on the ground. As far as I could see the Police were not doing much to stop what was happening. The next thing I remember was more Police arrived and pushed the crowd back. The ambulance arrived and took the two persons who had been attacked by the crowd away. The Police then made us move up the street to the Church. They later moved us up to West Street. It was at this time I spoke to one of the Police whom I know to be Robbie Atkinson. I asked him if the two men who had been kicked were they okay and he shook his head. We then went on to the party at Tracy McAlpine's house [REDACTED] I'm not sure of the name of the new estate. There was a good crowd at the party and everybody was discussing what happened in the town centre