

I Colin Martin Hull of [redacted] state as follows:

On 27th April 1997 I was in Charlie McKeever's pub in Woodhouse Street, Portadown. I left at about 1.30 am and headed for the top of Woodhouse Street to see if Boss Hoggs fast food ar was open as I wanted something to at. As I approached the Royal Oak Bar in Woodhouse Street I could hear screaming and shouting coming from the centre of the town.

I then walked to the top of Woodhouse Street and turned right towards the centre of the road and went towards Eastwoods clothes shop. I walked past an RUC Land Rover which was parked outside the Halifax Building Society. None of the police personnel were outside the Land Rover.

I saw two people lying on the ground about ten yards from the Land Rover. There was a crowd of about thirty people and they were kicking and beating the two people on the ground. Two girls threw themselves on top of the people who were being beaten. I went over to see could I help and I was attacked and punched and kicked. I fell to the ground. These people were shouting "fenian bastard" and "This is our town. You shouldn't be here." This happened so quickly that I couldn't describe any of the attackers. I managed to get up and run to the far end of the street.

I went back over to ^D [redacted]. The crowd had stopped beating him but remained at the scene.

I went over to see how Robert Hamill was and he was unconscious. I stayed with him for about ten minutes as the crowd was only about ten yards away from him. The crowd kept calling us fenian bastards. One man made another run at Robert and I grabbed him and threw him away. He returned to the crowd. At no stage did the RUC leave their Land Rover - nor did reinforcements come while the attack was happening. This episode lasted about fifteen minutes. One girl banged the back of the RUC Land Rover pleading for help. The RUC ignored her.

An ambulance eventually arrived and I helped the ambulance crew to lift Robert onto the stretcher. The RUC left their jeep when the ambulance arrived and stood in front of the gang of youths.

In my view the RUC could have left their Land Rover or called reinforcements as the RUC Station is only about two minutes walk from the scene of the attack. Instead they did nothing. At no stage did the RUC come under attack.

Dated this 15th day of May 1997