

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ALAN KEITH NEILL

AGE OF WITNESS [If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : OVER 21

I declare that this statement consisting of 5 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 at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, 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 this 27 day of April 1997

GEORGE LAWTHOR  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

A K NEILL  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am a Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary stationed at Portadown RUC Station. On 27 April 1997 at 0010 hours I was detailed JD81, a landrover crew along with Reserve Constables Cornett, Atkinson and P40. Our duties were public order in the town centre. At approximately 0140 hours we were parked in Market Street when I observed approximately 50 persons coming up High Street towards Market Street/Woodhouse Street/Thomas Street on the Thomas Street side of High Street. Some of these had already cleared the junction and I decided to have a look down towards Boss Hoggs. As I moved from Market Street into High Street a male approx mid 30s crossed the road in front of us mouthing something. R/Con Cornett opened her door and the male said, "There's a crowd coming down Thomas Street from St Pats." At this time I was aware of 2 youths coming from the Halifax. They approached the male who had spoken to us in the mouth of Woodhouse Street. One I know as Stacey Bridget was face to face with the male. This had been unprovoked. R/Const Cornett shouted out at Stacey and the other youth who then walked off. The male then proceeded down Woodhouse Street and the youths came over and spoke to R/Const Cornett. I noted that Stacey had a bottle of cider in his hand which I believe