

## STATEMENT OF ROBERT ATKINSON

Building Society and one of them squared up to him in the mouth of Woodhouse Street. Words were exchanged but no contact took place. R/Const Cornett opened her door and told the 2 youths to clear off home. At this time we were parked on the give way lines at the top of the street facing down the town. There was a commotion behind the landrover and suddenly Const Neill's door was pulled open and the Constable was pulled out. I jumped out of the back of the vehicle to see what was happening and found the male I have previously described having an altercation with Constable Neill. There was a lot of shouting up towards the town church and it was obvious that a Nationalist crowd had come down Thomas Street and met with a Loyalist crowd who had been making their way home. The 2 crowds cat-called at each other and suddenly, all at once, in about 3 or 4 places scuffles took place, all on the upper side of the junction. I would estimate that the crowd consisted of about 50 Loyalists to 10 - 12 Nationalists. On seeing them clash R/Const Cornett called on the radio for assistance. I followed Constable Neill to Market Square above Eastwood's shop where he extricated a male person who was being attacked by 4 or 5 youths. He removed this person to Woodhouse Street for his own safety. I think this person was dressed in a light coloured casual top. As I turned around to regroup with my colleagues I observed that we were being attacked with bottles etc. I observed 2 bodies lying on the roadway. One in the middle of the road outside Eastwood's shop and one outside the bakery on the corner of Thomas Street. I kept the crowd back with my baton whilst Constable Neill checked these persons. There were also a number of females giving