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Dated this 27 day of April 1997

JOHN MCDOWELL  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

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by whom statement was recorded or received

On Saturday 26 April 1997 about 9 30 pm myself, my brother-in-law,  and my sister  arrived at St Patrick's Hall, Thomas Street where a dance was taking place. About 10 or 15 minutes later Robert Hamill arrived and joined us. We all remained in the hall until about 1 25 am on Sunday 27 April 1997 when we left to go home. The four of us walked down Thomas Street towards the Woodhouse Street area. We were walking on the Credit Union side of Thomas Street. When we reached the bottom of the street where it joins High Street I noticed two people standing at the corner. As we started to cross the road to get to Woodhouse Street a crowd of about thirty people, the vast majority of them males, jumped on us as if out of nowhere. The next thing I saw was a lot of fellows kicking and punching Robert. He fell to the ground. I saw one or two of them jumping on his head, but I couldn't say how many times. A number of the other people who attacked Robert kicked him in the back. The assailants then moved back a bit and I looked to my left and saw my sister  on her knees. She was beside  her husband and squealing, "Get ambulance, get ambulance." There was a crowd of five or six standing a few yards away from them. I then took my cream