

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF MICHAEL IRWIN

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

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 10 day of June 1997

DERECK BRADLEY  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

MICHAEL IRWIN  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Detective Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently attached to the Criminal Investigation Department at Portadown RUC Station. On 10th June 97 between 12 20 am and 2 45 am I was at the scene of the resiting of a police landrover PX11928 at Market Street, P'Down. During that time a person who I now know to be [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] introduced himself to me.

He had enquired what we were doing and I explained this to him. He then entered his flat. A short time later he returned and stated he wanted to talk to me of the record reference the attack on 27th April 1997. He stated he had thought about this in the flat. He related he had witnessed the incident and outlined his recollection of events. He indicated points in Thomas Street where he saw two persons being assaulted. He related he was disgusted at the media coverage and in particular that the RUC had received unfair criticism. He believed the police had done an excellent job. He related that originally on seeing the incident that he didn't see any police. He then saw about 3 police and there was a crowd of about thirty to forty persons. He related that they were helpless however, when other police arrived they quickly moved the crowd. He continued to relate the media attention in