

Joint Statements of:

E [redacted]

[redacted]
Portadown

Date of Birth: [redacted]

D [redacted]

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Portadown

Date of Birth: [redacted]

F [redacted]

[redacted]
Portadown

Date of Birth: [redacted]

(E [redacted] is married to D [redacted] and E [redacted] and F [redacted] are sisters. F [redacted] and E [redacted] are cousins of Robert Hamill.)

On the night of the 26 April 1997 which was a Saturday, we were in St. Patrick's Hall which is in the middle of town. It is basically a Catholic social club. It is in Thomas Street. We had been there for about one hour before Robert came in. We arrived about 9:15 pm and we had got a taxi up to there. Robert arrived in about 10:30. He came in with two fellows and was standing at the bar. E [redacted] went and got him from the bar and he sat with the rest of us for the rest of the night. After 1.00 pm we went to leave the hall. We had been drinking and dancing in the interim. F [redacted] was not drinking. E [redacted] had about three pints of harp and D [redacted] had about six or eight pints of harp. Robert had been dancing with E [redacted] and he had not been drinking that much when he was in the hall. When they left Robert decided to go to E [redacted]'s house for something to eat. He lived in Lurgan. He was going to get a taxi from E [redacted]'s house to Lurgan. E [redacted] had Robert's sister babysitting. They were going to wait for a taxi but they needed to get home to let the babysitter out of the house. It would only have taken about five or ten minutes to walk, they had done it many times before. Mostly previous incidents which occurred in the main street had been incidents of verbal abuse although there had been some assaults. They would have got a taxi if there had of been a taxi waiting. They came out of the club and they saw a few fellows standing at the top of Woodhouse Street. This is the street which runs from the main street of Portadown towards the Catholic area. They saw a police jeep at the top of Woodhouse street. The jeep was facing to the right and they did not hear the engine and they did not see any lights on. High Street, which is the main street in Portadown, was well lit up. There are many banks and building societies on the street and there are always police about the place. When they saw the police they felt safe.

They did see two or three young fellows at the top of Woodhouse Street.

They walked out from Thomas Street onto High Street and as soon as they got off the kerb a crowd seemed to come from nowhere. You have to really be on High Street to see either to the left or to the right. Robert and his friends were talking and