

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF BEVERLEY IRWIN

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, BEVERLEY IRWIN, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will 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.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
2. In April 1997, I was working in Jameson's bar on Thomas Street in Portadown. I had been working there from 1983. Because of the nature of the 'Troubles' back in 1997 and because of where Jameson's was situated in the centre of town, there were often clashes between the two groups and general poor relations, with the windows of the bar being broken and doors being kicked by Catholics coming down Thomas Street. I had heard that trouble sometimes occurred at the junction of Thomas and Market Streets when people left St Patrick's Hall higher up on Thomas Street and walked down past Jameson's or any of the other bars in the town. It is something that is ongoing to this day. However, personally, I had never really witnessed much trouble during the time that I worked at Jameson's because I did mostly day work at the time and I was never there at evening times.
3. I cannot remember much of what happened on the night of Saturday 26 April 1997 because of the passage of time. I do know that I was working in Jameson's that evening. I was the key holder, meaning that I had the keys to lock up. Last orders would have been at 12.45am and the bar would have to be cleared of customers by