

**STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

**STATEMENT OF CAROL ANN JONES**

**DATED THIS**

**DAY OF**

**2008**

I, CAROL ANN JONES (FORMERLY WOODS), 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. I made 3 statements to the police in connection with the murder of Robert Hamill: the first on 16 May 1997, containing pages **09116** to **09117**; the second on 19 May 1997, containing pages **09119** to **09120** and the third on 3 July 1997, containing pages **09121** to **09122**. I cannot now remember very much about the 27 April 1997, and, for the purposes of making this statement for the Inquiry, I have had to rely on my 3 previous statements. What I said in those statements was what I believed at the time. I do not think anything has happened to make me doubt or change the contents of those statements.
3. In April 1997, I was about 20 years old. I have a brother named David Woods who is about 5 years younger than I am.
4. I have lived in Portadown my whole life. Up until 1997 I had been living in my family home out of the town centre on the Tandragee Road. In April 1997 I was living with my then partner, now husband, William Terence David Jones, who uses the name "Terry" the most. We lived in Terry's flat at the town end of Thomas Street, very close to the junction with Market Street and directly above Jameson's Bar. I could not say exactly how far away from the junction our flat was located, but it was not far; we were basically in the town. I have been

shown a plan of the town centre of Portadown (the “interview map” at page 73909), and I have marked the approximate location of our flat with the initials, “CA”. We only lived at that flat for 1 year in total, and in April 1997 we had probably been there for about 3 months or so.

5. In the early hours of 27 April 1997, I was sitting in the living room of the flat with Terry. The living room is at the front of the flat overlooking Thomas Street and also the junction with Market Street. I had not gone to bed and had not been drinking.
6. My statement dated 16 May 1997 states at page 09116 that “*At approximately 2.00am David and I heard shouting and the sound of people running in the street below.*” I do not remember anything about it now without reading my statements, and I cannot say how I knew the time that this happened. I think I just heard the running along Thomas Street, so I did not see in which direction they were moving. My third statement of 3 July 1997 at page 09121 says that I heard someone shout the words “*orange bastards*” at some point. I cannot recall this now, but I am sure it was accurate if I said so back then. It is probably what made me run to the window.
7. I believe that the living room window was open. It was a big wide window, about 1 metre wide and 4 feet high, which I think opened sideways. I am reminded by my statement dated 19 May 1997 at page 09119 that the windows in the living room opened outwards. Terry smokes but I do not, so I do not like the smoke around me. Terry would therefore possibly have opened the window to smoke a cigarette. When the window was open, it could be noisy because of Jameson’s Bar down below. However, Jameson’s Bar would have been closed by this stage; it probably would only have been open until 11.30pm or so. Generally once the pub is closed it is quiet.
8. My statement dated 16 May 1997 at page 09116 says that Terry and I went to the window when we heard the noise. We were probably just being nosy. I do not remember whether the shouting made me feel fearful or not. I know that Terry got to the window before me. My statement of 19 May 1997 records that

the window “*was fully opened so as to allow David to lean out and see the entire street and pavement below*”. I do not think that I was leaning out of the window with him.

9. Going by what my statement of 16 May 1997 says at page **09116**, when I looked out of the window I saw a group of about 5 people standing on the very corner of Thomas Street, near Eastwood’s store. I have marked “Eastwood’s” on the interview map to indicate where the store is located, and the approximate position of this group as “A”. There were 2 women in the group and 3 grown men. I cannot recall what any of them looked like, but they seemed to be a lot older than I was at that time. I would say that they were in their 30s. I do not recall what these people were doing and I could not see who was shouting. I did not know them, so it did not really mean anything to me. I cannot be certain, but I think it is more than likely that the group of people by Eastwood’s store were responsible for shouting “*orange bastards*”.
10. In my statement of 16 May 1997 at page **09116**, I stated that I saw another group of about 7 people, mostly men, standing in Market Street just opposite Thomas Street. I do not remember seeing those people at all now, nor can I recall what they were doing. I said in my statement that, at the time, I got the impression that the 2 groups were friends, but I did not know or recognise any of these people and it is probably just what I thought then. There were flowerbeds at the centre of the junction and this other group was probably more or less about there. They must have been quite close to me or I would not have been able to see them, but I cannot say for sure. I have marked the rough position of the second group with the letter “B” on the interview map.
11. I was not standing at the window for very long. I recall that Terry told me that my brother had been hit, but I cannot remember exactly what he told me. I came more fully up to the window at that stage. My statement dated 16 May 1997 at page **09116** reminds me that I looked down out of the window and saw my younger brother, David Woods, sitting a few feet away from our front door. I do not recall whether I had seen David amongst the 2 groups of people; I did not have time to notice much and the people all looked the same to me.

12. I went down to the front door to get my brother. I do not remember whether Terry was with me. David was by the door, how far away I cannot say, but he was not knocking it. I would say that he appeared to be slightly drunk and I think he looked sort of stunned. I could see that David had a mark on his face, but I cannot recall the type of mark or where it was on his face, and I just said something like, "*Look, come in, you're drunk. Come on in.*" It all happened quickly, and I was not going to just stand there waiting for him to come over. I am sure there was some shouting in the street and some people about at this stage, but I cannot recall having a quick look around or taking any notice of it. David was only 16 or 17 years old and I did not want him to get beaten-up or involved in anything wicked; he was the only person I was interested in, so I just brought him inside.
13. I brought David back up the stairs into the kitchen of my flat. This probably took about a minute, maybe longer. I cannot recall if he said anything to me. As I said in my statement dated 16 May 1997 at page 09117, I then got David a drink of water. David then just plonked himself onto the settee. I assume he was annoyed at having been hit, but his demeanour cannot have been very obvious because I did not mention it in my statement. I cannot remember if he appeared to be scared. I was not overly concerned about his condition; I just knew that he was drunk and needed to sleep it off.
14. I then went back over to the window, which was still open. I was probably just been nosy again. My statement dated 16 May 1997 at page 09117 reminds me that I looked out and I could see 2 men in the road; 1 of the men was sitting up, and the other was lying on his back. There was a woman with them who was screaming. Obviously there had been a fight and I am sure that there were other people on the street rowing, but I cannot recall. I am really just reading from my statement, rather than remembering myself.
15. It has been pointed out to me that in my statements of 16 May 1997 and 19 May 1997 I said that I saw a policeman near the men, then in my statement of 3 July 1997 I recorded, "*I saw a policeman and I believe I saw a policewoman as well.*"

*There were definitely two police there.*” I cannot recall now, but all I can say is that I must have seen 2 police officers or I would not have said so at the time. Similarly, although I cannot remember now, I said in my statement of 3 July 1997 that I saw an ambulance and a police Land Rover, so it must be true.

16. I am informed that other witnesses have recalled more police turning up at the scene and moving people away towards West Street to calm the situation. I do not recall seeing this happen. Anyway I would not have been able to see anything like this because West Street is away towards the top of town, and nowhere near the area I would have been able to see from the flat.
17. I am reminded from my statement of 16 May 1997 at page 09117 that, “*The ambulance arrived and I came away from the window*”. This statement then records the fact that my partner and I went to bed at around 3.00am. I really have no clue how long I had been standing at the window, but, on the basis of my first statement, it is fair to say that I was probably there until about 3.00am. I have no memory whatsoever of whether the street was quiet when I went to bed.
18. As far as I am aware, my brother stayed at the flat for the night. I did not check on him during the night, and I think he had gone by the time I woke up in the morning. I did not really discuss what had happened with my brother the next time I saw him. I do not really know why this was the case, but I did not see him all the time and I just did not want to row with him. I can confirm that I do not particularly recall discussing the matter with my parents either.
19. After 27 April 1997, the incident was quite a big topic at the time in Portadown because Robert Hamill died on 8 May 1997. I probably talked to my friends about the incident, but I cannot recall. I have no idea whether they were aware I had been a witness and that my brother had been hit.
20. I vaguely recall the incident being on the news. It has been suggested to me that the images of Robert Hamill and D must have been on the television. I probably realised at the time that the man I had seen lying down

was Robert Hamill, but I cannot remember what he looked like now. However, nothing I saw on television made me identify anyone I had seen in the crowds at Eastwood's or in the town centre on the night of the incident.

21. I have been asked whether I would have approached the police myself after seeing the coverage on the television about the incident in which my brother had been attacked. I do not really know, but probably not: I do not like to involve myself with things that do not concern me.
22. I think it was the police who got in touch with Terry and me because my brother had been involved in the incident. Terry recorded his statements on 16 May 1997, containing pages 09111 to 09113, and on 29 May 1997, containing pages 09114 to 09115. I recall the police coming to our flat one day and asking us to do statements at the same time. Terry was in one room, I was in another. I am sure that Terry and I discussed what had happened that night. However, I can confirm that Terry and I never discussed together what we were going to put into our statements. We were in our early 20, working and getting on with our lives. We had more important things to be thinking about than this.
23. When I made my 3 statements to the police, I do not recall whether I realised that my brother was being interviewed by the police about what had happened. However, I did not talk to him about his evidence.
24. I can confirm that, as far as I am aware, the police did not contact me again after I had done my 3 statements.
25. I have been asked about whether my brother had any best friends or people he used to hang about with in April 1997. I am sure that he had friends, but I had moved out of the family home a few months previously so do not really know. There was also a big age gap so it is not as if we would have known each other's friends. I was working and doing my own thing.

26. I can confirm that, in April 1997, I did not know Allister Hanvey, Stacey Bridgett, Marc Hobson, Wayne Lunt, Rory Robinson, Andrew Allen, Dean Forbes, Andrew Osbourne or Timothy Jameson.
  
27. At the time of the incident I had heard of the Coach Inn in Banbridge, but I did not know that there was a bus from the Coach Inn to Portadown with a drop-off point for the bus in the centre of town. I did not go out much, so I would not have known anything about it. I was also unaware that there was a St. Patrick's Hall at the top of Thomas Street; I would not have paid any attention really.
  
28. Prior to the incident on 27 April 1997, I had never seen any incidents of violence taking place at the junction of Thomas Street, Market Street, High Street and Woodhouse Street. I had not lived in that area for long at the time, and I do not know whether it had a reputation as a trouble spot for violence.

**SIGNED:** .....

**CAROL ANN JONES**

**DATED:** .....