

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF KELLY ANN LAVERY

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, KELLY ANN LAVERY, 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 a statement to police on 14 May 1997 [**Page 9178**]. I can confirm that the contents of that statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I had previously been seen by the police on the 9 May 1997 when a questionnaire [**Page 8133**] was completed.
3. In April 1997 I was living in Craigavon with my father. I was working during the week and only went out on a Saturday.
4. I had been friends with Pauline Newell for around 6 months when the incident occurred in the centre of Portadown on 27 April 1997. At the time, I knew Tracey Clarke through Pauline Newell, but would not say she was a friend of mine as such. At the time I knew Tracey Clarke had a boyfriend, but I did not know it was Allister Hanvey, nor did I know him. At the time I knew Dean Forbes from going to the Coach Inn. I did not know him very well though.
5. Around April 1997, I would go to the Coach Inn every other week with Pauline Newell and her sister, Tracey Newell (now Tracey McAlpine). After getting the bus from the Coach Inn to town on 27 April 1997, I recall seeing a Police Land Rover in town near the Halifax at the junction of Woodhouse Street and High

Street. I do not recall if I saw any police officers in or outside the Land Rover. The Land Rover was stationary.

6. I confirm that after getting off the bus from the Coach Inn, I walked up through the town with Tracey Newell (McAlpine). I did not notice anybody around on the streets, as we were on the first bus from the Coach Inn and were amongst the first people off the bus. I walked to Tracey Newell's house and did not stop to talk to anyone. I would normally go home after being out on a Saturday night but I was feeling a bit unwell that particular night so I stayed at Tracey's. I was quite drunk and had fallen asleep on the bus. I did not know Tracey Newell well at the time and did not know that there was going to be a party taking place at her house that night.

7. When I arrived at Tracey's house I went straight to bed and Tracey did too. I woke up some time later and went to the garage with Tracey. At that time I was not aware of anyone else in Tracey's house but I did not have to walk through her living room to go out the front door, so it may be that there were people there. After walking to the garage, I then went back to Tracey's house and fell asleep on a chair in her living room. There were a few people in the living room but I did not know who they were and still don't. I do not think I spoke to anyone. I did not hear any conversation going on as I was asleep. I did not notice whether any of these people had any injuries. I did not discuss with anyone what had happened in the centre of Portadown that evening and was not previously aware of any sectarian violence taking place in Portadown.

8. I don't know if I saw Tracey Newell again after that night, I must have seen Pauline again but I can't remember having a conversation with her about what happened that night. I believe that I did not see Tracey Clarke again after that night.

SIGNED:

KELLY ANN LAVERY

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DATED: