

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF KYLE MAGEE

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, KYLE MAGEE, 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 living at home with my parents and working at a local factory. I used to attend the Coach Inn at Banbridge on a Saturday night probably every weekend back in 1997. I would usually go to the Coach Inn with my mates; Johnny Nelson; Connor Black; Christopher Henderson; and Stephen Bloomer.
3. I knew various people who also went to the Coach Inn 'to see' but not as friends, they included; Allister Hanvey; Stacey Bridgett; Marc Hobson and Timothy Jameson.
4. Whilst I am aware of sectarian violence in and around Portadown I had never witnessed any violence when I had been out in the town centre or when returning from the Coach Inn.
5. I cannot now remember the events of 26/27 April 1997 and I have looked at a statement [Page 9143 – 9145] I made to the police on 30 April 1997 to assist my memory. Whilst I accept the contents of that statement to be true I no longer have a memory of what I described in that statement.

6. In my statement [Page 9143] I described returning to Portadown on the bus and I said, *“I went into Boss Hoggs, I didn’t purchase anything. I just went into it because the crowd went into Boss Hoggs.” “I came out of Boss Hoggs and stood outside of the premises. There was a large crowd standing outside of Boss Hoggs. I stood there for about ten to fifteen minutes. Victoria Clayton and Jennifer O’Neill were also outside Boss Hoggs and I spoke to them.” [Page 9144] “I think Timothy Jameson and Stephen Bloomer were standing beside us. The next thing I saw was a crowd starting to fight on the middle of the street, at the junction of Woodhouse Street with Thomas Street.”* I now cannot remember seeing the fight start.
7. I have been asked what I remember of the fighting and although in my statement [Page 9144] I described walking towards the fight and seeing a police Land Rover, then seeing officers getting out of the vehicle to towards the fight. I have no memory of this or shouting at the officers or of people on the ground.
8. In my statement [Page 9145] I describe shouting ‘Fenians’ when I was walking past the fight. I don’t know why I would shout something like that, it is not like me. I know that it is a term of abuse to Catholic members of the community but I have no explanation for why I should shout it out.
9. In April 1997 I did not know of St Patrick’s Hall, nor did I know of sectarian violence to take place in the centre of Portadown on a Friday or Saturday night.

SIGNED:

KYLE MAGEE

DATED: