

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF MICHELLE ELIZABETH JAMIESON

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, MICHELLE ELIZABETH JAMIESON, 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 gave two statements to the police investigating the murder of Robert Hamill. The first is dated 9 May 1997 and contains pages **9146** to **9148**. The second is dated 12 May 1997 and contains pages **9149** to **9150**.
3. In April 1997 I was 16 years old and I attended Craigavon High School. I had moved to Portadown in about 1990, and in 1997 I was living at [REDACTED] on the Armagh Road with my mother and my brother Mark.
4. In those days I sometimes used to drink with Joanne Bradley and Heidi Reaney. They were not my main friends. I had known Heidi from school to some extent for years, but we did not hang out together often. Heidi and I used to meet up occasionally, sometimes at Connaught Park. This was an avenue about half-way between our homes, off the Armagh Road. I knew Joanne Bradley from Craigavon High School, since I first moved to Portadown. I also knew of Lisa Hobson from school, but I had not hung out with her much before the night of 26 April 1997.

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5. I can confirm that in 1997 I did not know any of the following people: Stacey Bridgett, Marc Hobson, Andrew Allen, Rory Robinson, Reserve Constable Atkinson, Timothy Jameson and David Woods.
6. In April 1997 I knew that Catholics lived in a different part of town, which we would call 'the tunnel'. However, I did not consider the junction of Woodhouse Street and High Street to be a particularly bad area, and I had not heard of, or experienced, any violence at that junction in the past.
7. On the evening of 26 April 1997 I planned to get drunk at home. I met Heidi Reaney early in the evening. Without being reminded I do not remember where I met Heidi, but it says in my second statement that it was at Connaught Park. I cannot remember this, but my second statement says that we walked up Jervis Street and around Brownstown, before going into Brownstown Park. I think Heidi wanted to meet her friends in Brownstown Park and I went along with her.
8. In my second statement I say that we met up with Wayne Lunt, Phillip Lunt and **P136** at Brownstown Park. That evening was the first time I met Wayne Lunt and I did not get to know him. I thought Wayne and Phillip Lunt were Heidi Reaney's cousins. I do not know **P136**, but I think he must have been a friend of Wayne and Phillip Lunt.
9. I cannot remember being in Brownstown park, probably because I was drunk. It is likely that we had been drinking Buckfast tonic wine from at least 7pm, and probably drank about eight bottles in total that night. We may have also been drinking Buckfast in the park, but I cannot remember doing so. I imagine Wayne Lunt had been drinking too, but I cannot remember if he or any of the others appeared to be drunk. I do not know how long we stayed at Brownstown Park.
10. According to my first statement I was wearing a blue jacket and blue jeans that evening. Heidi is very skinny, of average height, with black curly hair and pale

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skin. I cannot now remember what anyone was wearing, and I cannot recall whether Wayne Lunt had a scarf on. I do not really know what Wayne looked like, except that he perhaps had brown hair and was a bit scruffy.

11. We must have then gone back to my house because my second statement says I was there with Heidi Reaney, Wayne Lunt, Lisa Hobson and Joanne Bradley. I now have no memory of meeting Lisa and Joanne that night, only Heidi and Wayne. It only takes about four minutes to walk from Brownstown Park to my house but I cannot remember what time we arrived. At my house we probably continued to get drunk on Buckfast.
12. It says in my first statement that Heidi and I left my house again at about 1:30 or 1:45 am. I do not know where we were heading but I think we were just going out for a walk to see who was about around the town. I do not remember who was with me, although it is possible that Wayne Lunt was there. I was just following the others. I probably left because I was drunk.
13. I have been asked whether I left my house in order to meet someone arriving from the Coach Inn in Banbridge. At the time of the incident in 1997, I had not been to the Coach Inn before. I did not know that there was a bus from Portadown to the Coach Inn and back. I would not have known anybody on the bus from the Coach Inn, and I was not planning to meet anyone from the bus in the town centre.
14. My first statements says that Heidi and I walked to Mandeville Street, but I cannot recall which route we took into the centre of town. Usually I would walk into town over the bridge, staying on the Armagh Road. When we arrived at Mandeville Street, I think Heidi's boyfriend was there. I believe that she then had a fight with her boyfriend, so I walked on and stopped on Church Street near St. Mark's church to wait for her. I cannot recall who Heidi's boyfriend was, but in my first statement I said that he was called Glen. I am not sure, but if Wayne had been with us until

this point, it is possible that he left when Heidi began to have an argument with Glen.

15. My first statement records that I waited at the church, by the front on the right hand side looking downtown. I cannot recall if there was anyone else about. I waited for about five minutes, then started to hear shouting from the town centre. I cannot remember hearing shouting but it says in my first statement that I heard, “Come you Fenian bastards”. This must be how I knew that there was a fight going on between Protestants and Catholics.
16. My first statement then records that I walked down towards the town centre. I am surprised that I would have walked into the town centre towards the crowd if I knew that there was fighting going on. However, it says in my first statement that this is what I did; it must have been because I was very drunk and was being nosey. I think Heidi must still have been at Mandeville Street when I walked on into the town centre. I do not remember walking with Wayne Lunt.
17. As I was walking, my first statement says that I stopped at a roundabout and saw a crowd of 20 to 30 people. I think this crowd was in one group right in the centre, at the junction of Woodhouse Street, Thomas Street, High Street and Market Street. However, I no longer have any memory of seeing this. Nor can I recall seeing any fighting taking place; two distinct groups taunting each other; or bottles being thrown. I do not know for how long I stopped there. I did not recognise anybody in the crowd.
18. My first statement records that I saw a police Land Rover. I cannot now remember this. I recall the police asking me at the time I gave my first statement where the Land Rover was parked on the street. I think they asked me whether it was positioned on one side of the street or the other, and I just guessed when I said that I saw it sitting near the Alliance and Leicester Bank.

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19. I remember that I was just going to continue walking downtown when I was called over by a woman. She was next to an injured man. I think that the injured man was at the Thomas Street/ Woodhouse Street junction, where the crowd had been. I do not think at that stage there was anyone near him except for the woman; the crowd must have moved away by that stage. The man was lying on the ground, but I cannot remember whether he was on the road or the pavement; in which direction he was facing; or what condition he was in. I cannot actually remember what this man looked like; when his photo appeared in the paper after the incident, it just put a face to that injured person.
20. It says in my first statement that I knelt by the injured man and listened to his breathing, but I do not remember doing this at all. I do not know how to give first aid. I think I was told by the detectives that somebody saw me doing that. He was probably a man who had been hit and was lying on the ground, and perhaps I just wanted to see who he was. If I did go to this man I probably just bent over him and then ran off. I probably just walked down, saw the man, got scared and then ran back up town again. I cannot remember whether I spoke to the woman who was with the man or whether she spoke to me. I definitely cannot describe the woman, but I think she was probably crying. I cannot recall seeing or speaking to any police officers, and I did not see anyone else injured lying on the ground. I also did not see an ambulance.
21. After seeing the injured man I probably became scared and ran straight back uptown to meet Heidi. We did not meet up with Wayne again. I think Heidi and I went back to my house and Heidi stayed the night. It was probably about 2:00 am when we got in, but I was very drunk. No one else came back to my house.
22. The next day Heidi and I could not really remember how we got home so we might have discussed being in town. However, Heidi had not been downtown and would not have known that there had been a fight, or seen the injured person on the ground. As I have said, we were not close friends, so I did not tell Heidi anything

about what I had seen in town that night. I can also confirm that I did not see Wayne Lunt again and, apart from the police and my mother, I did not talk to anyone else about the incident.

23. After the incident, I did hear a rumour that Robert Hamill had been wearing a Celtic football top and had been waving it around in the street that night. However, I do not know whether or not that was true.

24. I remember that two police officers came to my house and took my first statement dated 9 May 1997 from me while my mother was present. I do not know the officers' names. The police kept asking all these questions and I kept telling them I was drunk on the night in question. So my answers to the police were sort of based on what I was trying to remember. It is possible that, because I could not really remember what I had done that night, my memories might have become mixed with what I later heard had happened. I am not sure, but can vaguely recollect that the police also came to talk to me at my grandmother's house. This is perhaps where I made my second statement dated 12 May 1997.

25. I have been asked why I made two separate statements three days apart, and why I did not say in my first statement that Wayne Lunt, Lisa Hobson and Joanne Bradley were at my house on the evening of 26 April 1997.

26. I can confirm that my statements were not based on anything Heidi and I had said to each other, and I did not know that she was also making statements to the police. However, I thought that Heidi would not want me to mention who had been at my house because her parents did not allow her to spend time drinking with some of us. I do not know with whom they would have had a particular problem, but they were a bit strict. Heidi was probably annoyed about the police coming to her door and afraid of her parents finding out that she was out drinking in the early hours of the morning when she was supposed to be at my house. We were both only aged 16 so

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we were probably trying to cover each other to stop our parents discovering we had been out drinking.

27. I also thought that the police were only interested in what had happened in the town centre and did not understand that the start of the night might have been important. I think that after I had made my first statement, Wayne Lunt told the police that he had been at my house on the night of the incident. The police then came back to take a second statement from me about that part of the evening.

SIGNED:
MICHELLE ELIZABETH JAMIESON

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