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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PAUL CURRIE

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, PAUL CURRIE, 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. In April 1997 I was 17 years of age and living with my parents and two brothers in Portadown. I used to go out every Saturday night with a group of friends from Portadown usually to the Coach Inn at Banbridge.
2. I have been asked how I knew various people who lived in Portadown and attended the Coach Inn. I knew Allister Hanvey and Marc Hobson as friends. Wayne Lunt used to live close to my parents house; I used to work with Dean Forbes. Stacey Bridgett, Rory Robinson, 'Fonzie' Allen, and Davy Woods I knew because they all used to go to the Coach. Tracey McAlpine lived across the road from me and Shelley Liggett I used to go out with her and others to the Coach.
3. On 26 April 1997 I went to the Coach Inn in a group that included Stacey Bridgett, Jason Woods and a couple of young girls. There were that many in the group that I don't really remember everybody.
4. On coming back from the Coach Inn to Portadown you just jumped on the bus and got the first seat, so I don't know who I was sitting with. When I got back to Portadown I went straight up through the town into West Street towards my home.
5. I saw a police Land Rover parked in High Street just before Woodhouse Street. I was walking up the town with Shelley Liggett and Jason Woods; there were a

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couple more people because there was a crowd walking up the town from the bus. It was normal to see a police Land Rover in the town centre but I don't remember seeing any police officers.

6. Shelley Liggett went into Tracey McAlpine's house because she was going to get a taxi. I went home.

7. After the incident I did not have any conversations with Mark Currie, my brother, about what had gone on. I am aware that he gave a statement to the Police about the incident. I did hear people talking about what happened to Robert Hamill but it was nothing to do with me so basically I didn't worry about it. I wouldn't have gone to the police because it was nothing to do with me.

8. I visited Marc Hobson, Dean Forbes and Stacey Bridgett in prison on separate occasions while they were in custody. I did not discuss with them their involvement with the incident as it was none of my business.

9. Around April 1997 I knew of sectarian violence to take place in Portadown just from what others had told me, but I was never involved in it myself.

SIGNED:

PAUL CURRIE

DATED: