



bottom of the street. I am aware that in my statement of 28 May 1997 I said that it was Beverley Irwin but I can't remember now which member of staff it was now. That statement contains page numbers **9125 to 9127**.

6. I did not go outside but I heard the windows of the bar being banged by a crowd coming down Thomas Street. As I said in my statement this happened nearly every week.
7. I assumed that these people were coming from St. Patrick's Hall further up Thomas Street. It was common for Catholics to gather in St Patrick's Hall and to make their way down Thomas Street past the bar after events at St Patrick's. They used to shout things like "You Orange bastard" as they walked by and bang the windows sometimes because Jameson's was known a Protestant bar. Occasionally, there would be trouble and there would have been a fight outside.
8. I was asked what I did when I was told there was trouble. I thought during my interview with the inquiry that the first place I went to was the toilet window. I have been shown my statement from 1997 in which I state that I went to the lounge window first. Having been reminded of what was in my statement I am assuming that I went up to the lounge door first to look out from there.
9. The lounge door is on Thomas Street further away from Market Street than the main shutter doors. From there I could see to the bottom of Thomas Street but not very far across the junction onto the High Street. I looked out very briefly. I did not see any fighting. I saw a crowd of people at the bottom of Thomas Street. There were two groups of people. I did not recognise any of those people. There was a commotion, what I would describe as a general hubbub. There was a lot of shouting going on. I had no idea what was being shouted and I was too far away to be able to recognise anyone in the crowd.
10. I did not notice any police around the area when I looked out of the lounge window.

11. When I finished looking out the lounge door I returned to cleaning the bar. I think the rest of the staff was in the bar at that stage, but I am not sure.
12. Later, I looked out the toilet window. I believe that either Julie or Beverley was at the window when I went to look out. It was probably Julie but, again, I am not sure. I can't recall if she told me if she'd seen anything or not.
13. I went to look out of that window out of curiosity because there was a commotion going on and it was getting louder. I couldn't hear what was being shouted.
14. I am aware that in my statement I say, "I think that all the staff were there" when I looked out the toilet window. This is not something that I can now recall. I may have gone back to the toilet window 2 or 3 times.
15. The toilet window is nearer to the Market Street side of Thomas Street than the lounge door. From that window I saw two fellows lying on the road near the junction. One was on Market Street next to Eastwood's and the other was lying at the end of Thomas Street, closer to the bakery. A girl was leaning over this fellow who was opposite the front of Eastwood's.
16. There was a policeman or policemen standing in the centre of Market Street. I think they were already there when I looked out of the window. I did not notice any police vehicles at any stage.
17. On most Friday and Saturday nights there were policemen at the junction, probably one or two police vans. I would not have been surprised to see them. When I saw the policeman or policemen – I can't remember now if I saw one or two – I do not remember them doing anything. They were just standing there in the middle of Market Street opposite the Alliance and Leicester.

18. I have been reminded that in my statement I said that there were two police officers, one of whom may have been a police woman, and that they were trying to keep the two groups apart. That is probably correct. There was a crowd on Market Street towards St Mark's Church and there were a few people at the junction at Woodhouse Street just at the top of the street. I first became aware of the people on Woodhouse Street when I saw the two bodies in the street although it is hard to remember. I couldn't recognise any of those people.
19. It is hard to say how long I was by the toilet window but it was only a couple of minutes.
20. Before leaving the bar I returned to the toilet window a second time to make sure it was safe to leave. Again, I cannot be sure now who was at the window when I went to look out. It was probably Julie. At that stage I saw an ambulance at the bottom of Thomas Street. I saw the guy who was nearer to Eastwood's shop being put into the back of the ambulance. I also saw a policeman with a baton gun standing in the centre of Market Street at the junction with Thomas Street behind the ambulance. I couldn't say if it was one of the officers I had seen earlier on.
21. I eventually left the bar to go home at around 2.00am. This was not long after I saw the ambulance. We were waiting to leave to go home. We were trying to wait until we felt it was safe enough to go. That is why I went back to the toilet window 2 or 3 times. After I left Jameson's, I went home. Nobody came with me.
22. I have been asked whether I went outside on the street to look at the fight at any stage. I did not ever go outside onto Thomas Street during the fight. It has also been pointed out to me that Beverley Irwin told the police when she was interviewed in 1997 that she was locked outside the premises with me at one point. I cannot recall that at all.

23. I have also been asked about various people. I have been asked if I knew Allister Hanvey, Dean Forbes, Rory Robinson, Wayne Lunt, Mark Hobson, Fonzy Allen, Davey Woods, Tracey Clark and Timothy Jameson in 1997. I did not know any of these people, nor have I come to know them since the incident. I can say that at the time I knew Stacey Bridgett as I went to school with his brother. I would not have recognised him if I saw him that night. I have not been contacted by any of these individuals in the weeks after the incident.
24. I also knew Bobby Jameson senior as he was one of the owners of the bar. I did not see him that night.
25. After the incident I did not hear any discussion about what had happened or any rumour or speculation other than what was on the news. I did not hear anything out of the ordinary or anything I can recall from the Protestant crowd who came to Jameson's about what had happened that evening.
26. I have been asked about whether there was CCTV outside the bar in 1997. I do not think there was any CCTV then. The only screen I remember was the one that showed the door of the bar so you could see who was coming in and out of the bar. I do not know whether that monitor simply showed events or if it recorded.
27. Apart from when I gave my statement to the police officer in May 1997 I had no further contact with the police. I have been asked why I did not contact the police myself to report what I had witnessed that night. I was not prevented from contacting the police nor was I threatened. I did give the police a statement but I did not witness the event that led to Robert Hamill's death. However, even if I thought I had seen something, I probably wouldn't have contacted the police. You never know who is going to be knocking on your door. You just can't do these things.

28. After all this time there is nothing more that I can recall or add to my statement. In fact at this stage I can hardly remember all of the detail contained in my original statement.

**SIGNED:** .....  
**STEPHEN THORNBURY**

**DATED:** .....

