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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

### STATEMENT OF VICTORIA ELIZABETH CLAYTON

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, VICTORIA ELIZABETH CLAYTON, of an address known to the Robert Hamill Inquiry, 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 1997 I was sixteen or seventeen years old. On the evening of 26 April 1997, I went to the Coach Inn Banbridge, which is where I usually went on a Saturday. I travelled there and back by bus with Jennifer O'Neill. We got back to Portadown in the early hours of the morning and got off the bus at the bottom of the town near Bridge Street. I was quite drunk at that stage. I do not recall what I was drinking, probably just alcopops.
3. Jennifer and I walked up through the town to go home. To get to my house I would have walked up either West Street or Church Street. Jennifer was staying at my house that night. I can't remember a great deal of the night but Jennifer has said in her statement that we stopped for chips on the way and that might be true as we often got chips on the way home. I don't remember meeting up with Kyle Magee but it's possible and I believe Jennifer says that we did. A copy of Jennifer O'Neill's statement is produced and shown to me at page numbers **9153 to 9155**.

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4. I noticed a few people running about and shouting as we were walking through the town. There were about four or five of them, although there could have been more. I think at this point I was 30 or 40 yards past the crossroads of Thomas Street and Woodhouse Street and High Street and Market Street. It was not unusual as there were often people running about the town centre on a Saturday night so I didn't really pay any attention. I did not see any trouble as such. I just thought it was drunken people running about. I don't recall hearing any shouting or sectarian abuse
5. It is said that I wiped blood from Stacey Bridgett's nose and I think I did but it did not seem important at the time. It was just something I would have done to try to help someone if I thought he was injured. I have been shown a document titled A 39 containing page number **2150** which refers to this. I do not remember much more than that. I did not know Stacey Bridgett before this incident and I was not covering for him or anyone else, as has been suggested to me. I have been told that Stacey Bridgett said I was standing on the traffic island wiping his nose but I do not think I was there. I think I was up near the church.
6. The police have spoken to me a number of times over the years, lastly on 14 June 2001, when I told them again what I had seen and done on the night. I have been shown a document containing page numbers **15749 & 15750** which refers to that meeting. That corresponds with what I remember about the night.
7. I did not go to a party at Tracey McAlpine's house that night. Jennifer stayed at my house and we went straight home.
8. I have also been asked about various people who are connected with this and I can say that I knew Timothy Jameson but don't know if he was there that night, Tracey Clarke, Pauline Newell, Allister Hanvey, Dean Forbes and Rory Robinson (the last three I knew only by sight). I also knew the name of Robert Atkinson but not to talk to. My dad knew him years ago. I am told that my home telephone number was

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recorded in Robert Atkinson's address book but I don't know why he would have had it unless it was through my dad.

9. After all this time, I cannot add anything to my previous statements and in fact can't remember the detail contained within those.

**SIGNED:** .....  
**VICTORIA ELIZABETH CLAYTON**

**DATED:** .....