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This interview is being tape recorded. The interview is being conducted in an interview room at Lurgan Police Station. I am [REDACTED] of Portadown Police Station. Other police officers present are Detective Constable Hunniford, Portadown. The date is Thursday the 15th of May 1997 and the time from my watch is 13 minutes past six in the evening of Thursday the 15th of May.

What is your full name.

ALLEN

Andrew George .

How old are you Andrew.

ALLEN

I am twenty.

And where do you live.

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ALLEN [REDACTED]

Also present here is.

SOLICITOR [REDACTED]

, Solicitor.

Andrew at the conclusion of this interview I will give you a notice explaining what will happen to the tapes, do you understand that.

ALLEN

Yes.

At five past seven today's date you were arrested for alleged involvement in the murder of Robert Hamill and also grievous bodily harm on [REDACTED] which took place in the Market Street/Thomas Street area of Portadown during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April 1997. Do you understand that.

ALLEN

Yes.

Before I can put questions to you about these offences I have to caution you and the caution is as follows. You do not have to

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say anything, but I must caution you that if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in court, it may harm your defence. If you do say anything it may be given in evidence. Do you want me to explain that caution to you or are you happy with the reading of it.

ALLEN

No I am alright.

Also before the interview starts you are allowed to have legal representation which is [REDACTED] who is actually here at this moment. Andrew you have already had one interview or a couple of interviews as such, I don't know the actual number, regarding the events of that evening, is that right.

ALLEN

That's right.

So bearing that in mind we want to put questions and take you over those accounts again, okay.

ALLEN

Yes.

Now did you go to the Coach that Saturday evening the 26th of April.

ALLEN

I did indeed yes.

And who were you on the bus with.

ALLEN

I was on it, I initially went down with Denis Hayes and a couple of other boys.

Which are.

ALLEN

I believe Andrew Osborne was there, I am not sure who else to be honest.

Do you have a girlfriend.

ALLEN

No not at the minute.

So you pay your money, get on to the bus and go to the Coach in Banbridge.

ALLEN

That's right.

You socialise at the Coach.

ALLEN

That's right.

Did you see any other persons from Portadown that were in the Coach.

ALLEN

Stacey Bridgett was there, Rory Robinson was there.

Right.

ALLEN

I am not sure who else was there, there was other people there like that I know but I am not sure of their names. David Woods was there to I believe, yes.

So the Coach closes.

ALLEN

Yes.

And I gather that you get back on the bus and the bus departs for Banbridge.

ALLEN

That's right yes.

What time would that be.

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ALLEN

It was roughly about, I suppose by the time they get everybody on, it was near half one.

And what time did the bus deposit you outside Z-Cabs in Portadown.

ALLEN

I suppose twenty minutes or so from picking us up, about ten to two or so.

So at ten to two you were back in Portadown coming off the bus.

ALLEN

Yes roughly.

Who did you come off the bus with.

ALLEN

At the start I got off the bus and just started heading up the town.

Did you not stop to mill about to talk to anybody.

ALLEN

No I just kept walking up the town.

And do you remember who was there.

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ALLEN

There was Rory Robinson and David Woods.

In your company.

ALLEN

Yes they were walking up the town.

With you.

ALLEN

There was just the three of us going up the town.

Right if I could just stop you there, so you get off the coach. Could I just take you back, who were you sitting next to on the bus coming back from Banbridge.

ALLEN

I can't remember.

You can't remember. Do you go into, as you come off the bus, do you go into Boss Hoggs or.

ALLEN

No.

Do you go anywhere to buy any food.

ALLEN

No.

So what makes you join up with Rory Robinson and who else did you say.

ALLEN

David Woods.

David Woods.

ALLEN

Yes.

What makes you join up with those two persons.

ALLEN

We were walking up the street and we stopped just at the bakery at the corner of the main street there.

Now I want to take you back to when the coach, so in your own words you think it was approximately ten to two when the coach is unloading the passengers right. Did you immediately head straight off, did you stop to have a chat to somebody for a few seconds or a minute or two or.

ALLEN

Whenever I got off the bus, are you talking about whenever I got off the bus and came

back into Portadown.

Yes.

ALLEN

No I just got off the bus and started walking up the town.

Were you on your own or did Robinson and Woods single you out, or did you all.

ALLEN

No they were on in front of me.

They were in front of you.

ALLEN

Yes they were slightly in front of me and I walked behind them, there was just the three of us going up the town.

So immediately you came off the bus at around ten to two, you headed straight up, your intention was to go straight up the town.

ALLEN

Yes.

So what side of the road were you walking on.

ALLEN

The left hand side.

And the people that you got off the bus with, were they boisterous, was it a boisterous crowd, was it a happy crowd.

ALLEN

No it was just.

Or was it a noisy crowd.

ALLEN

It was just like a happy noisy crowd.

Right was there signs of drunkenness amongst these people.

ALLEN

I am sure there was a few that had had too much you know.

So you left the crowd, the company of the crowd, you walked, where did you catch, when did you catch up with Rory Robinson and David Woods.

ALLEN

They had just stopped at Thomas Street there.

And how far behind were you.

ALLEN

I wasn't too far behind now you know.

Roughly.

ALLEN

I suppose it was ten to fifteen metres.

Behind them.

ALLEN

Yes.

Did you stop at all other than to speak to
Rory.

ALLEN

No, I just stopped to speak to them.

Did you stop at any other junction on the way
up.

ALLEN

No.

Did you speak to any other person.

ALLEN

No.

So you are going up the left hand side you

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say and they arrived at the bakery before you.

ALLEN

Yes that's right.

And so you arrive in their presence, how long would it have been from the time that you come of the coach to the time that you arrived at the bakery on the corner.

ALLEN

I suppose ten minutes roughly.

I beg your pardon.

ALLEN

About ten minutes roughly.

Ten minutes, it took you ten minutes to walk from where Z-Cabs is up to the bakery on the corner of Thomas Street.

ALLEN

Yes. Well whatever it took, I am not sure to be exact.

No but approximately.

ALLEN

Well whatever it takes to walk that. Five or ten minutes.

Five or ten minutes. So you meet up with them yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

And what is their condition, what is their physical appearance like.

ALLEN

Alright.

Are they happy.

ALLEN

They seemed to be yes.

Are they loud.

ALLEN

No they were not loud.

So what conversation takes place there between the three of you.

ALLEN

Not a lot really, just asking what they were doing and they said they were waiting on the crowd.

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What crowd is that.

ALLEN

The rest of the boys that were off the bus.
The big crowd behind.

And so you are there with them. Had you been
socialising with these two persons during the
night in Banbridge.

ALLEN

I was talking to Rory for a while.

You were.

ALLEN

Yes.

What are you saying the other chap's name is.

ALLEN

David Woods.

Had you been socialising with David.

ALLEN

Not really no.

What do you mean not really.

ALLEN

Not really, I don't really talk to him, just

on an odd occasion I bump into him, I would say hello and that.

Had you been talking to him in the Coach at Banbridge.

ALLEN

I don't think so, I can't remember.

So you and Rory had already spoken to one another as you said in Banbridge, so you weren't speaking to a complete stranger. You knew Rory better than you knew David Woods.

ALLEN

Yes.

Socially and to talk to.

ALLEN

Yes.

So what was the crack between you.

ALLEN

Not a lot really, just talking, just general stuff you know.

Well expand on that.

ALLEN

I don't know, just what did you do last weekend, things like that you know, but not a lot, because he wouldn't be one of my closest friends.

No I didn't ask you if he was a close friend, I asked you what the conversation was.

ALLEN

As I said that is what it was roughly about.

So how long were you talking to him for.

ALLEN

In the Coach.

No at the side of the bakers at Thomas Street.

ALLEN

I thought you were talking about in the Coach.

No I am talking about Thomas Street.

ALLEN

As I say I just said to them what are they doing and they said they were just waiting on the crowd.

From behind.

ALLEN Yes. And I just stood there waiting on them.

Did they ask you where you were going.

ALLEN Yes.

And where was that.

ALLEN I just said I don't know, I am heading home.

You were heading home.

ALLEN Yes and just to see what they were doing.

Did they ask you to stay there with them.

ALLEN No I just stood there.

You just stood there with them.

ALLEN Yes.

So how far would you say the crowd was at this stage away from where the three of you were.

ALLEN

They would have been down roughly, I don't know, Wellworths, Boss Hoggs you know.

And could you see the crowd coming up towards you.

ALLEN

Yes I could see the crowd.

And what would you say the number of the crowd was. The persons in this crowd.

ALLEN

There must have been about fifteen.

Was it a mixture of males and females or was it predominantly males.

ALLEN

It was mostly males but there was a few females there.

Do you know who those females were.

ALLEN

I can't remember who was at the Coach. I can't honestly remember. I can't honestly remember.

You can't recall any of them. Did you speak

to any females at the Coach from the Portadown area.

ALLEN

Not any from Portadown.

So this crowd of fifteen persons was coming up towards you and you see them walking up.

ALLEN

Yes.

Are they boisterous.

ALLEN

They are happy, they are loud like you know.

They are loud.

ALLEN

Yes.

Are they, is it a volume of noise that is aggressive or is it a volume of noise attributable to people that have had a bit much to drink.

ALLEN

The usual just talking you know and carrying on, nothing over excited or going wild.

And you can see this clearly from where you were.

ALLEN

Pardon.

You could see this clearly from where you were.

ALLEN

Yes, you could see them, yes.

So who did you recognise in that crowd there.

ALLEN

I knew the boys that were there. Allister Hanvey was there, Denis Hayes was there, I am not too sure who else was there now.

They are the only two names that you can recall.

ALLEN

Yes.

Was Stacey Bridgett in the crowd.

ALLEN

I believe he was.

Was Mark Hobson.

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No.

Was Wayne Lunt.

ALLEN

No.

Do you know those names.

ALLEN

I know them yes.

So you know these people by sight.

ALLEN

Yes.

Was Dean Forbes in the crowd.

ALLEN

Yes.

So that is four people out of fifteen people
that you are confident that was in that
crowd.

ALLEN

Well they were at the Coach, so they must
have been in the crowd.

No I don't want, they must have been.

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ALLEN

I am not as I say, I am not too sure.

Or guessing.

ALLEN

Who all was in the crowd.

Well I will ask you the question again, right. You see a crowd of fifteen persons walking towards you from Woolworths.

ALLEN

Yes.

Or from Wellworths.

ALLEN

Yes.

They are walking up towards you because you are standing talking to Rory Robinson on the corner of the street.

ALLEN

Yes.

And he indicates to you that he standing waiting for the crowd to join him and as you said you looked back and you see this crowd

walking up. They are a bit boisterous, they are a bit happy, and there is a few females in the crowd, so who did you see in the crowd coming. Who do you know that is in that crowd.

ALLEN

As I said the first people that I would have seen would have been Allister Hanvey and Denis Hayes.

Right. What do you mean, do you say they were leading this group, they were at the head of this group.

ALLEN

At the front of it yes.

And so you are standing talking there to Rory.

ALLEN

Yes.

Do you make any attempt to leave his company.

ALLEN

No.

So you are happy enough being there.

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ALLEN

Yes.

In his company.

ALLEN

Yes.

And with David Woods.

ALLEN

Yes.

You are happy enough.

ALLEN

Yes.

And you were talking there. What happens next.

ALLEN

I hear somebody up Thomas Street.

What do you mean by hear somebody.

ALLEN

I heard somebody shouting and getting on you know.

Shouting what.

ALLEN

I don't know what they were shouting, I wasn't really paying much attention.

Was it females shouting or was it males.

ALLEN

No it was males.

And how far into Thomas Street was this noise coming from.

ALLEN

It was coming from roughly Jamiesons Bar, just at the start of Jamiesons Bar there.

And were the people you think making this noise on that side, were they on the pavement outside Jamiesons Bar.

ALLEN

They were just walking down the middle of the street.

Walking down the middle of the street.

ALLEN

Yes.

Did this noise offend you in any way.

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ALLEN

No as I said I didn't pay any attention.

Right so.

ALLEN

I just thought it was somebody coming out of Jamiesons or the Legion or something after a night out.

And did Robinson, Rory Robinson take any offence at what was being said by these people.

ALLEN

He never said anything to me no.

No. Did you hear him say anything.

ALLEN

No.

Did you hear him shout back, did David Woods shout back.

ALLEN

No.

Are you quite sure.

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ALLEN

As I said I never heard any shouting.

So these persons responsible for the shouting outside Jamiesons Pub, which is approximately, how far away from you.

ALLEN

It would be fifty metres or so I am not sure.

Fifty metres, so you continue to talk, you are not too bothered by it. You are not too bothered by this crowd shouting.

ALLEN

It makes no odds. As I say I didn't pay any attention to them.

Right so that is fair enough. You are chatting away. Did any of your group of three, apart from yourself, say any remarks or pay any attention to what was being called out by the persons in Thomas Street.

ALLEN

Rory was standing looking up at them.

And how was he looking.

ALLEN

He was just standing looking up at them.

And did he break away from you and David.

ALLEN

He walked across to the other side of the road just at Eastwoods.

For what purpose.

ALLEN

I don't know, he stood there.

And did he stand looking up towards where the noise was coming from.

ALLEN

Yes.

Right so obviously this noise has got his attention, hasn't it.

ALLEN

Yes.

Would you agree on that.

ALLEN

Yes.

Right so what does he say, does he shout back at these people, does he tell them to shut up

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and go away or keep the noise down.

ALLEN

I never heard him say anything.

Is it a case that you don't want to remember what you heard.

ALLEN

No, no I can't, honestly I can't remember.

Look you are standing fairly close to him Andrew.

ALLEN

Yes.

Okay and the one thing that has been prominent throughout this enquiry is there was a lot of shouting from both sides of the community. There was people shouting fenian bastards, there was people shouting orange bastards. Now I know even to some people, maybe yourself that might even have offended you or it is maybe something that you are a bit shy about talking even in an interview room between four of us here, but from what I can gather from the interviews of you this morning, you seem to be very reluctant and I

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will use the word reluctant to say whether you heard that or not. Not unless you are tone fucking deaf, you would have heard it, because it did go on and it went on loud.

ALLEN

Yes.

You know, so I am putting my cards on the table and I am asking you what did you hear.

ALLEN

I didn't hear anything, Rory or anybody shouting and that's the truth.

Did you think he shouted back in response to these people.

ALLEN

I don't know and that is the God's honest truth.

So Rory is standing there, looking up towards Thomas Street. He has got your attention because you are watching him aren't him.

ALLEN

Yes.

Where is David at this stage.

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ALLEN

He was standing beside me.

Standing beside you and what was he doing.

ALLEN

He was just sort of standing, we were standing together and watching Rory because he walked across the road and he was looking up.

And he was continuing to look up the street.

ALLEN

Yes.

He wasn't bothered because his mates are coming back up now. His reason for being there is to wait for his mates to come up, is that correct.

ALLEN

That's right yes.

And yet somehow this, the people and the noise that was being shouted from Thomas Street had grabbed his attention and he was solely focussed on them, is that correct.

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ALLEN

That's right yes.

Can I ask you one question, are you
frightened of Rory Robinson.

ALLEN

No.

Would you lie for him.

ALLEN

No.

Would you tell the truth against him.

ALLEN

Yes.

Are you frightened by him Andrew.

ALLEN

No.

So Rory is looking up the street.

ALLEN

Yes.

Is he standing in just a casual pose or is he
standing aggressively.

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ALLEN

Just standing casual you know, looking up the street.

Is his arms on his hips, is he shouting, is he waving his arms at the people.

ALLEN

No he was just standing there.

Right so he is waiting for them to come down. So when they arrive, do they arrive down eventually, do they eventually arrive where you and David; who would they be closer to, you, David or would it be Rory.

ALLEN

They came close, they came down our side, they were closer, they first arrived at David.

And who, how many were in this group.

ALLEN

I don't, there was girls that came down first and they walked on past.

The girls, what do you mean walked on past, did they turn right, did they turn left.

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ALLEN

No they went straight across the road.

So the girls, did they make any comments to you. Did they make any comments to you.

ALLEN

No.

Are you quite sure about that Andrew.

ALLEN

Yes.

Did you make any comments to them.

ALLEN

No.

Did David make any comments to them.

ALLEN

Not that I know of, no.

No, no listen, you are there with him.

ALLEN

Yes.

Did he or did he not.

ALLEN

I never heard him saying anything.

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Did Rory.

ALLEN

No because they didn't go past him.

No, no, no. I am saying to you did Rory make any comments to them, they don't have to go past him, do they.

ALLEN

No.

So the girls, how many girls walked past you.

ALLEN

I supposed there was two or three.

Can you describe them.

ALLEN

There was one with black hair roughly to her shoulders.

Yes.

ALLEN

I am not really sure, they were just, as I say I wasn't paying much attention.

Why what were you doing.

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ALLEN

I was just standing, I just thought they were somebody walking past you know.

Were they boisterous, were they noisy, or was there no remarks, were they drunk.

ALLEN

No they were quiet enough.

Were they drunk.

ALLEN

They didn't seem to be.

So what then, these three ladies passed you, so what happens them.

ALLEN

The next thing we turn round.

Which way did you turn.

ALLEN

We turned up towards Jamiesons, looking towards Jamiesons.

Why.

ALLEN

We just did.

Why.

ALLEN

I don't know, I suppose we wanted to see who was coming down the street.

Well you have just mentioned a couple of questions ago, as the women walked past you, you weren't really too bothered, it wasn't of any interest to you.

ALLEN

Yes.

They were just there, they were of no special interest and yet all of a sudden something has taken your interest and made you look back up towards Jamiesons in Thomas Street. Now I want to know what and why.

ALLEN

As I said, I just turned round.

Why.

ALLEN

Just to see who it was.

Did somebody call out to you.

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ALLEN

No.

Did somebody call you an orange bastard.

ALLEN

No because they were right and close.

How close.

ALLEN

They would have been from here to that wall.

Right so for the purposes of the tape which is six feet at the most.

ALLEN

Yes.

So you, both lots of persons were right in on each other and how soon was this taking place after you had come off the coach, the relevant time approximately.

ALLEN

I don't know, fifteen or twenty minutes.

So it has taken you sometime between five past and ten past two.

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ALLEN Yes.

Yes, agreed.

ALLEN Yes.

So there you are, how many males were walking towards you.

ALLEN There was about four.

Four.

ALLEN Yes.

Are they still making a noise.

ALLEN They were not saying anything.

So they have quietened down at this stage.

ALLEN Yes.

Go on.

ALLEN And I thought they were just going to walk on

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past.

Well we will get to that in a minute/ So you are looking at them, you are still looking at them as they are walking towards you.

ALLEN

Yes.

Why.

ALLEN

Just I didn't recognise them, I don't know who it is.

Why, I mean you didn't pay any particular attention to the women, did you.

ALLEN

Yes.

But you,

ALLEN

You know it is just, I don't know.

What.

ALLEN

I just wanted to see who it is.

I wasn't there Andrew. So you wanted to see who it is.

ALLEN

Yes.

Why.

ALLEN

I don't know.

So you spent some time looking at these people.

ALLEN

Yes.

Yes because you wanted to know who it was.

ALLEN

Yes I just turned round and just wanted to see who it was.

Fair enough, fair enough, so you spent some time looking, what about David, what was he doing.

ALLEN

He was just standing looking too.

Right so you are both looking for some time

at these people.

ALLEN

Yes.

They had caught your attention. Where they making any reference to you or your religion.

ALLEN

No, not whenever they, I turned round and they were just as I say, were not far away, they didn't say anything.

They weren't far away, were they.

ALLEN

Pardon.

They were six feet away approximately.

ALLEN

Yes, as I said they weren't far away.

So were was Rory at this stage.

ALLEN

As I said he was still across the road.

And was he making any reference to anybody.

ALLEN

No.

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So you are really watching and you are listening to what is going on around you.

ALLEN

Yes as I said I just wanted to see who it is.

So who is the first male who gets to you.

ALLEN

Who gets to me.

Yes.

ALLEN

I don't know who he is.

So what was he wearing.

ALLEN

I am not sure.

Why are you not sure.

ALLEN

I just can't remember.

You can't remember.

ALLEN

Yes.

Andrew, it is a bit like where you were when

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John F Kennedy was shot isn't it. It is not too often that people get kicked to death in the early hours of a Sunday morning in the centre of Portadown is it.

ALLEN

No, no.

Is it and as you have just said a couple of sentences ago, these people, these four males had acquired your interest.

ALLEN

Yes.

Along with David's interest.

ALLEN

Yes.

You wanted to know who it was that was coming down there. You have already said that, haven't you.

ALLEN

As I said, I just turned to see who it was.

And they were walking towards you, they were six feet away.

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ALLEN

Yes.

And yet you cannot tell me what the first male looks like.

ALLEN

I can tell you what his hair was like, he just had a flat top, spike or something. I didn't pay any attention to what he was wearing.

What colour.

ALLEN

It was brown. Like a brown colour.

What age of a boy would he have been.

ALLEN

He would have been, I suppose, five or six years older than me.

Which puts him at what.

ALLEN

Twenty five, twenty six.

What build.

ALLEN

Bigger than me, a good bit bigger than me.

And did he appear aggressive.

ALLEN

Well he came at me.

What do you mean, he came at you.

ALLEN

He came at me and I backed off.

What do you mean he came at you.

ALLEN

He came up as if to hit me.

And what did you say to him.

ALLEN

Nothing, I backed back into the road.

So you walked back from the bakery.

ALLEN

Yes.

You were walking backwards.

ALLEN

Well jogging, sort of stepping backwards to
get away from him.

And what was he doing, was he firing his fists at you.

ALLEN

He had his fists up in the air, he was going to hit me.

How did you know he was going to hit you, did he say he was going to hit you.

ALLEN

Well if somebody comes at you like that, you are going to move out of the road.

Were you surprised.

ALLEN

Of course I was surprised.

So what did you say then.

ALLEN

I didn't say anything, I turned and ran up towards Thomas Street.

I don't believe you Andrew. This is where I say that you are beginning to lie.

ALLEN

I am not.

Somebody that makes a totally unprovoked attack on a person and takes you by surprise, the human nature is to defend yourself.

ALLEN

As I say I was trying to get out of the road.

Right you defend yourself, you put your arms up, there is a blow coming and you make a comment. Some people would say.

ALLEN

No, I never said anything.

You never said.

You wouldn't make any comment like 'piss off', 'fuck off', 'clear off', 'shove off'.

ALLEN

No he just came at me and I just backed off.

Listen to what the man is saying.

You see the problem is, you see the problem with your story is, you have waited there for totally no other reason whatsoever other than nosiness, haven't you.

ALLEN

What do you mean now.

Well what are you waiting on the corner there
at Thomas Street for.

ALLEN

Waiting for the crowd to catch up.

So you were waiting for them as well.

ALLEN

The boys from the Coach.

Yes, you are waiting for them as well.

ALLEN

Yes.

I thought it was your intention to go home.

ALLEN

As I said I stopped with them, with Rory and
David.

That's right.

ALLEN

And they said that they were waiting on the
rest of them and I just stood there with
them.

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So it was your intention to wait for the crowd as well then.

ALLEN

Yes.

Well that's fine. So you are there and this person makes a totally unprovoked attack on you right and you don't do nothing to defend yourself.

ALLEN

As I say, I backed off.

You backed off.

ALLEN

My first intention was to get away.

And did he pursue his attack upon you.

ALLEN

Yes, so I turned and ran up Thomas Street.

You ran back up to where your attacker was coming from.

ALLEN

Yes.

How did you know he didn't have friends walking on down there.

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ALLEN

I caught into one.

You caught into one.

ALLEN

Yes he, the boy came at me, I went into the middle of the road, I turned and went up Thomas Street and the other boy there started throwing punches at me.

Which side of the street was it you were going back up.

ALLEN

Pardon.

Which side of Thomas Street were you going back up.

ALLEN

I was just running up the middle of it.

The middle of it.

ALLEN

Yes.

So where was this boy, the second person that attacked you, where was he.

ALLEN He was coming down.

What in the middle.

ALLEN Yes.

And he managed to physically grab you.

ALLEN He started throwing punches at me.

Did any of the punches connect.

ALLEN I am sure they did yes.

Well no I am, it is not a question I am sure,
did they or did they not connect.

ALLEN Yes.

And where did they connect.

ALLEN Just around the top of the head.

Did you defend yourself Andrew.

ALLEN

Yes.

And how did you, describe the method that you used.

ALLEN

What would you do, I just put my hands up and started swinging back.

Which is a natural human reaction, isn't it. Did you manage to land any punches in self defence upon this person.

ALLEN

I don't know.

Do you know what he looked like, this person that was attacking you.

ALLEN

He was a tall boy, skinny.

What do you mean like tall.

ALLEN

He was taller than me.

Well put, for the purposes of the tape, what height are you.

ALLEN

About five foot nine.

And how taller would you say he would have been.

ALLEN

He would have been five foot eleven.

Describe him again, continue with the description.

ALLEN

He was tall and skinny with black hair.

Tall and skinny with black hair.

ALLEN

Yes.

So you have not only been attacked by one person, but a second attack was taking place upon your person by a second male person, yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

So how long did those attacks last there, in total both together.

ALLEN

I supposed they lasted for over five minutes,

shortly over five minutes.

Each.

ALLEN

No.

Between them.

ALLEN

Yes.

So you were, you know, for example, you were in contact with these two people for a fair period of time, weren't you. Five minutes is a long time in a one fight, never mind two. I mean you must / have thought yourself frigging unlucky to be caught twice.

ALLEN

Yes.

So you retaliate, you defended yourself, right, which is your right.

ALLEN

Yes.

Okay you have been attacked. Did you get the better of this person.

ALLEN

Not really no.

I will just take you back there, how did you describe him, five eleven.

ALLEN

Skinny with black hair.

Was he wearing a collar and tie, a jacket or was he wearing an open necked tee-shirt, sweater.

ALLEN

He was just wearing a jumper, I don't know a blue or green jumper.

And what age of a man would you say he was.

ALLEN

He would have been twenty five, twenty six.

And what is the thing that stood out for you about this person that you can recall. Was there anything that stood out about him.

ALLEN

Not really. I just remember him from his black hair and he was skinny.

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So would you recognise this person again.

ALLEN

I don't know, I don't know that's the truth.

So you are standing toe to toe yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

And you are sort of like.

ALLEN

He's swinging and I am just.

And you are swinging to defend yourself, good enough for you, quite rightly too. I mean this is the second attack upon your person, isn't it. Unprovoked as well.

ALLEN

Yes.

Were you saying anything to him.

ALLEN

Pardon.

Were you saying anything to him.

ALLEN

No.

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Did you not say 'get off and piss off and
leave me alone'.

ALLEN

No.

You weren't saying anything at all.

ALLEN

No.

What was he saying to you.

ALLEN

Nothing.

So it just a complete fight like the first
one.

ALLEN

Yes.

And this was just a fight in silence.

ALLEN

Yes.

Complete silence.

ALLEN

Yes.

No reference was made at all.

ALLEN

No.

So this second time you decided to stay your ground and fight.

ALLEN

There was nothing else I could do.

Well could you not have run past him no.

ALLEN

No I just sort of ran straight into him.

Right and did he say anything to you.

ALLEN

No.

So where did you go, what caused you and the second person to stop fighting.

ALLEN

There was another three or four boys came in and started punching him.

Where from.

ALLEN

They must have been from the crowd behind.

What crowd is that then.

ALLEN

The bigger crowd from the Coach. They were coming up the town.

So they came, this is still in Thomas Street.

ALLEN

Yes.

Or at the mouth of Thomas Street.

ALLEN

Yes.

What.

ALLEN

Pardon.

Are you in Thomas Street or are you at the mouth of Thomas Street and the High Street junction.

ALLEN

Just across from Eastwoods window.

So you are at the corner of Eastwoods.

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ALLEN

Yes at the back, near the back of the shop.

So you are there, getting this, this boy is getting stuck into you and you are defending yourself and three of the crowd come to your aid, yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

Yes.

ALLEN

That's right yes.

Who are they.

ALLEN

I don't know.

Look Andrew.

ALLEN

I don't honestly know.

Listen, three people come to your aid, you are an, what you are asking me to believe is that you are an unlucky person this evening. Not only have you been attacked and provoked

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once, but twice and the second time you stood your ground and defended yourself which is your right. Did you get the better of this person or did he get the better of you.

ALLEN

No I was just swinging and he was swinging at me and then as I said, three or four boys came in and hit him a few times.

And then.

ALLEN

He fell to the ground, he got up and ran down the street.

And what did you do, when these three boys were hitting him.

ALLEN

Nothing. It just happened so quick, they just came in.

So in effect there was four persons then hitting him.

ALLEN

Well whatever there was yes, three or four, yes.

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Three plus you.

ALLEN

Right yes.

Hitting him.

ALLEN

Yes.

Right so this person fell to the ground.

ALLEN

Yes.

Can you say it was your punch or not that put him to the ground.

ALLEN

No.

You can't.

ALLEN

As I say it just happened so quick, the boys just run in and hit him and he was on the ground.

And what happened when he got off the ground.

ALLEN

He got up and ran down the street.

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Right and were you hurt, were you bleeding from anywhere.

ALLEN

No.

Were you annoyed.

ALLEN

Of course I was annoyed, somebody had tried to knock my head off.

Was your adrenalin going.

ALLEN

Not really I just wanted to get away from it.

And what happened to these three boys that had come to you aid.

ALLEN

They just went back down the street into the rest of the fighting.

Was Allister Hanvey one of the three boys.

ALLEN

No.

How did you know this.

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ALLEN

I am near sure he wasn't.

Well how did you know.

ALLEN

I would have recognised him, I know Allister.

Is he an associate of yours.

ALLEN

Well I used to play football with him at the
BB.

Is Rory Robinson an associate of yours.

ALLEN

Well I don't really hang about with him, I
just take the time to talk to him.

So where was Rory Robinson when all this was
taking place.

ALLEN

He was fighting too.

With. Was he defending you.

ALLEN

No he was in another fight.

Where.

ALLEN

Just at the corner of Eastwoods.

So there was two fights at the corner of Eastwoods then.

ALLEN

No my fight was on up, he was right at the corner, at the road there.

And who was he fighting with.

ALLEN

Some boy came over and started fighting with him too.

You saw this.

ALLEN

Yes because it started first.

Listen Andrew, listen we are trying to establish the truth here today alright.

ALLEN

Yes.

And what I want to say to you is this, you have been arrested in connection with a very very serious offence.

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ALLEN

I know that.

You know this is not going to go away, okay. Now you have admitted yourself that you got off the bus at ten to two, approximately fifteen to twenty minutes later you had been attacked. An unprovoked attack in your eyes.

ALLEN

Yes.

You then are unlucky enough to run back into Thomas Street and get caught up in another unprovoked attack.

ALLEN

Yes.

You are so positive about that but when it comes to putting questions to you about the crowd, the people that you socialise with, you have gone completely negative. Now you can't have it both ways, right, you can't say well yes I was definitely being attacked, it was unprovoked, I took this on board, I was looking up towards Thomas Street, I saw these persons, I wanted to know who it was. As a result of your nosiness you got two whacks,

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you got two people attacking you separately.

Is that correct.

ALLEN

Well that is what happened.

You see you are clear and you are precise.

ALLEN

Yes.

And yet when it comes to putting questions to you about the crowd, the three boys, you are completely negative.

ALLEN

About the three boys.

Yes.

ALLEN

What three boys is this now.

The three boys that came out of the crowd.

ALLEN

As I said it just happened so quick and that is the truth.

Andrew you know their identity, that is the bottom line and you are sitting there and you

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are waffling and you are talking a load of shite. And obviously you have been doing quite a bit of that in the previous interviews.

ALLEN

I am telling you the truth.

You are here for a very serious offence.

ALLEN

I know that.

And you seem to be sitting there and honest to God I am wondering if you are in this world or if you are in another world.

ALLEN

Yes.

So I am asking you to pay attention a wee bit more because I don't feel you are. I don't accept that you don't know who they are.

Take me back to where you said there Rory Robinson was fighting. Where were you then.

ALLEN

When he was fighting.

Yes.

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