

ALLEN

It started, the first thing that happened was a boy came down and hit David Woods.

You didn't tell us that.

ALLEN

Because you didn't ask me. You asked me what happened to me.

Listen let me make it quite clear to you, do you want me to read the caution out to you again, to explain the caution to you.

SOLICITOR

He did tell the other Detectives that.

Well I am not aware of that.

SOLICITOR

Well I am just saying it.

Yes okay. Repeat for my benefit and my colleagues what happened to David Woods.

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A boy came down and punched David Woods.

Who was this boy.

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ALLEN

A boy from the crowd that was coming down Thomas Street.

Is this the crowd that your attention is drawn to, you and David.

ALLEN

That's right yes.

Now the way you put it to us originally, the leading male in that crowd struck you first right.

ALLEN

Well David was the first person hit.

Where was he in relation to you, was he behind you, was he in front of you.

ALLEN

He was standing in front of me.

Right and you were both looking up towards this crowd.

ALLEN

Yes.

And did this person charge, physically run at you.

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Yes the boy that was coming to punch me.

No David, we will take David Woods first.

ALLEN

No he didn't.

So he walked.

ALLEN

He just walked up alongside and we thought they were just going to go on past and he hit him.

He hit him with what.

ALLEN

With his fist.

And where did he strike David.

ALLEN

In the face.

And what, did he say anything to David.

ALLEN

No.

Did he say you orange bastard, you deserved

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that.

ALLEN

No he just hit him.

A totally unprovoked attack.

ALLEN

Yes.

No verbal at all.

ALLEN

No.

And what did David say to that.

ALLEN

He didn't say anything.

Did he fall to the ground.

ALLEN

No.

Did he grab his head in pain.

ALLEN

He just grabbed his face.

And was it up to you in your opinion a  
considerable hard blow.

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Yes.

And was there any blood coming from him.

ALLEN

I don't know.

Did you see any blood.

ALLEN

No.

What did you do at this stage.

ALLEN

There was another boy come at me.

At the same time or shortly after.

ALLEN

Just shortly after it.

So what happened to the boy that hit David Woods.

ALLEN

I don't know.

What did he look like.

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I was more interested in what was happening to my self.

By this time you hadn't been struck, had you.

ALLEN

No.

Your friend had been struck.

ALLEN

Yes.

Or the person you had been talking with.

ALLEN

Yes.

So what happened then to the boy that struck David Woods.

ALLEN

I don't know.

What was he, what did he look like.

ALLEN

He was about my build, about my height, black hair, I don't know what he was wearing.

Did you make a dive for him to protect David.

ALLEN

No.

Why not.

ALLEN

Because another boy hit me as I say.

And what did he say to you.

ALLEN

He didn't say anything, he was going to hit me.

And did he succeed in hitting you.

ALLEN

No. Because as I said before I backed off.

You backed off, how far did you back off.

ALLEN

I backed off from the corner right into the middle of the road.

So when you mean the middle, you mean the middle of the High Street.

ALLEN

Yes the road on the left hand side as you go up the town.

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Did you cross to the central traffic reservation or did you not go that far.

ALLEN

No I never went that far.

So did this person pursue you on foot.

ALLEN

Yes.

And how did you get away from him.

ALLEN

As I said I ran away up Thomas Street.

And what happened to David at this stage.

ALLEN

I don't know what he had done or where he had gone.

And you were saying you were again attacked by another male.

ALLEN

Yes.

And you decided to pursue the defence of yourself and you just went at it hammer and

tongs.

ALLEN

I just put my hands up and starting throwing  
back yes.

Well that is what you are entitled to do in  
law aren't you.

ALLEN

I don't know if you are or not.

Well I mean you are not going to stand there  
and take it, are you.

ALLEN

No.

Quite rightly not either, but at the same  
time, you were outside Eastwoods side window.

ALLEN

Yes.

Where was Rory at this stage.

ALLEN

He was at the corner.

And what was he doing.

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ALLEN

At the footpath, whenever I was running up I seen that he was fighting with somebody else.

And who was getting the better.

ALLEN

I don't know they were just swinging at each other.

So from all of a sudden you three boys had become the catalyst for this fight.

ALLEN

Yes.

Totally unprovoked, the three of you, yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

You gave no cause or reason for this unknown group to attack you.

ALLEN

Yes.

None whatsoever.

ALLEN

Yes.

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You had been assaulted.

ALLEN

Yes.

Yes so when these three boys, obviously the crowd had caught up at this stage, had they.

ALLEN

Yeah.

Or did somebody call them for help.

ALLEN

No.

Well how did you know that.

ALLEN

Well one of the other boys might have but I didn't.

Well that is quite right, you can't speak for the others, can you, you can only speak for yourself.

ALLEN

Yes.

So the crowd came up and three of them came to your aid.

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Yes.

And so from suddenly being one person being swung at, it became four against one.

ALLEN

Yes.

So what happened to your attacker.

ALLEN

As I say the other three boys just came in and just hit him that quick, he hit the ground, he got up and ran down the street.

Was he kicked once he was on the ground.

ALLEN

No.

You are quite sure about that now Andrew.

ALLEN

Yes.

And what were these three, were they saying things to him.

ALLEN

No.

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How did you know that.

ALLEN

They were standing beside me, I didn't hear them saying anything.

So you can't be sure then can you.

ALLEN

Well I didn't hear them saying anything to him.

Did you say anything to him.

ALLEN

No.

So we have got a lot of people that are fighting in silence.

ALLEN

Yes.

I find that difficult to accept Andrew.

ALLEN

As I said I never heard anything and that is the truth.

So what were you wearing that night.

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My trainers, a dark pair of jeans and a dark jumper.

Right I think my colleague here has got something to show to you.

I am going to produce to you a pair of light jeans, a pair of blue jeans, would you look at those.

ALLEN

Yes they are mine.

Those have the identification mark EH10 and I can say that I seized those earlier today at your home.

ALLEN

Right.

That's the trousers you were wearing on the night in question.

ALLEN

Yes.

I will produce to you a pullover.

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ALLEN

Yes that is mine.

And that is identification mark EH11. Was that the pullover you were wearing in the night in question.

ALLEN

Yes.

Are you sure about that.

I will give you a copy of Form PACE 20 and that is the authorisation for the search that we carried out, here's the authorisation.

Okay Andrew once you had been attacked the second time and these boys had come to your aid, where did you go.

ALLEN

Pardon.

Where did you go.

ALLEN

I turned and behind me there was like a bit row going on in the middle of the street.

Yes.

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On the left hand side, there was a row going on. I just walked away from it.

The row on your left hand side, that has to be outside Eastwoods, is it.

ALLEN

Yes.

And was that Rory Robinson.

ALLEN

It must have been yes..

No was it his.

ALLEN

There was more than one person.

Did you see Rory Robinson amongst the crowd outside Eastwoods.

ALLEN

He was still yes.

And was he fighting.

And was he obviously, did you see the person that he was fighting with.

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No.

Who else was fighting with him.

ALLEN

I am not sure.

Well who do you think, did you see what happened to the person who he was fighting with.

ALLEN

No.

Who else was fighting with him.

ALLEN

I am not sure.

Well who did you think may have been there fighting with him.

ALLEN

I think Mark Hobson was there.

With Rory.

ALLEN

Yes.

Fighting this person.

ALLEN

On that side of the road yes.

Anybody else.

ALLEN

No.

Right moving on to the fight that is in the road, what did you see.

ALLEN

I just see a big crowd of people and it just looked like a free-for-all.

Right was it a violent crowd.

ALLEN

Yes they were all fighting, they were all kicking and punching yes.

Were you frightened.

ALLEN

Well I walked away from it because I didn't want to have anything to do with it.

No I asked were you frightened.

ALLEN

I had nothing to be frightened off, they were

nowhere near me.

Right but were the crowd intimidating.

ALLEN

Pardon.

Were the crowd intimidating.

ALLEN

Intimidating me.

No but were they intimidating in their actions. Not towards you, but to the person they were attacking.

ALLEN

Yes.

Were they physically violent towards the person whoever they were attacking.

ALLEN

Yes.

Because it is fair to assume you didn't know who the person was at that stage, would that be correct.

ALLEN

Yes.

Or did you know who it was.

So this crowd was aggressive, were they shouting things. Now don't tell me they were all in silence. Were they shouting things.

ALLEN

They were shouting things but I didn't.

What.

ALLEN

That is the bottom line Andrew, like we all know, we are all wise to the world, we all know what they were shouting. It like pulling teeth out of you to get you to say.

The tape is.

What were they shouting.

ALLEN

I can't remember and that is the truth.

Right well I don't believe it because you are lying as far as I am concerned okay. You are protecting these people. You are protecting them. Listen now the tape is going to run.

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out shortly, so from the moment you have come off the coach at approximately ten to two in the morning, right Sunday morning, to the moment that you see the, you have had your second fight, you have seen Rory Robinson and Mark Hobson fighting with an unknown person. You see the large crowd which is violent and aggressive, how long would you say it was in time after you come off that coach. In your estimation.

ALLEN

It must be half an hour.

So the whole scene from the moment you have left the coach to the moment that you are exiting the scene after viewing the fight in the middle of the road is approximately thirty minutes.

ALLEN

Yes.

Which will take you to twenty past two yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

Are you happy, is that correct.

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Yes.

Did you see the police at all.

ALLEN

Yes.

And what were they doing.

ALLEN

Just whenever I was walking down the street,  
I was walking behind the crowd. The police  
pulled up in a purple Sierra.

Did you see the police landrover.

ALLEN

No.

Why not.

ALLEN

I just never seen it.

Okay Andrew this tape is coming to an end  
shortly alright. Is there anything you want  
to say.

ALLEN

No.

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As regards Rory Robinson, can you remember what he was wearing on that night.

ALLEN

He was wearing a black jacket, I believe it was a black bomber jacket.

And what colour of trousers Andrew.

ALLEN

I don't know, I never paid much attention to him.

That is alright I don't want you to. As regards Allister Hanvey, could you tell me, can you remember what he was wearing.

ALLEN

I believe he was wearing a tee-shirt.

Anything distinctive about it.

ALLEN

It was a red one I think, I can't honestly remember, it has been a while.

Tell me something you were assaulted yes.

ALLEN

Yes.

Why did you not come forward and make a complaint to the police.

ALLEN

Because I didn't want anything to do with what had happened.

Why didn't you come forward as a witness then

ALLEN

Because if somebody finds out I come forward to the police, I am going to end up down a dark alley.

What do you mean, people from your own side.

ALLEN

Yes.

Have you been threatened since this event.

ALLEN

No.

Have you been approached by any person who threatened you.

ALLEN

No.

Okay the time now is 6.57pm. Do you want to say anything.

ALLEN

No.

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SOLICITOR

No.

Do you want to say anything further, expand or change anything you have said.

ALLEN

No.

It is 6.57, I am now terminating this interview.