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ROBINSON - TAPE NO.3 - 11.5.97

This interview is being tape recorded. The interview is being conducted in an interview room at Lurgan Police Station. I am [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Portadown Police Station. The other police officer present is [REDACTED], CID Lurgan. The date is Sunday the 11th of May 1997 and the time from my watch now is nine minutes past one. I will correct that. 1309 hours.

What is your full name.

ROBINSON Rory Randolph Arthur Robinson.

How old are you Rory.

ROBINSON Twenty five.

And where do you live.

ROBINSON [REDACTED]

Also present is.

SOLICITOR [REDACTED], Solicitor.

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

ROBINSON Yes.

Rory at 7.40pm yesterday, Saturday the 10th of May 1997, you were arrested by police officers in Portadown for suspicion in the involvement in the murder of Robert Hamill and also grievous bodily harm upon [REDACTED]. Is that correct.

ROBINSON Yes.

Before I can put questions to you I have to caution you and the caution is as follows. You do not have to 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 understand that caution or do you want me to explain it to you.

ROBINSON No it is alright.

Right Rory I want to show you items (inaudible). First of all I will show you item marked CW1, which is one orange checked shirt. Can you look at that.

ROBINSON That's mine.

Is that your shirt.

ROBINSON Yes.

Is that the shirt that you were wearing during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April 1997.

ROBINSON Yes.

Now I am moving on to item marked CW2, which is one pair of white/brown striped trousers. Are those your trousers Rory.

ROBINSON Yes.

Are those the trousers that you were wearing during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April 1997.

ROBINSON Yes.

I am moving on to item marked CW3, one blue cotton jacket. Is that your jacket Rory. Is that the jacket that you were wearing during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April 1997.

ROBINSON No.

It's not.

ROBINSON No.

What jacket were you wearing.

ROBINSON A blue bomber jacket.

And was there any motifs on this bomber jacket.

ROBINSON There is writing across the back of it.

 And what is the writing.

ROBINSON Chevenon.

 Can you repeat that.

ROBINSON Chevenon.

 Chevenon. Is it a material jacket or is it a
 leather jacket.

ROBINSON A bomber jacket.

 Is it leather or it is material, cotton,
 nylon.

ROBINSON Silk sort of.

 Silk and when was the last time you saw that
 jacket.

ROBINSON It's in the house. I was wearing it on Friday
 night.

What is your address.

ROBINSON

[REDACTED]

Right. Have you an address at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ROBINSON

Yes.

And where is the jacket in question that you worn during the early hours of Sunday the 27th of April 1997.

ROBINSON

[REDACTED]

It is in your parents.

ROBINSON

Yes.

In what bedroom.

ROBINSON

My bedroom.

Right moving on Rory, I am now in receipt of pages of statements from witnesses and these statements clearly, or should I say these

witnesses clearly say that you were one of the group of people kicking a person on the ground.

ROBINSON No.

And also you jumped upon the person that was lying on the ground.

ROBINSON No.

No what.

ROBINSON I didn't jump on anybody.

And the witness goes on to say that you were one of several people that jumped all over this person, that was lying on the ground, and you were kicking him.

ROBINSON No.

Why should that witness say that.

ROBINSON You tell me.

No I am asking you.

ROBINSON I don't know, somebody hates me or something like that.

I beg your pardon.

ROBINSON It might be somebody that hates me or dislikes me or something. It has definitely nothing to do with me.

It has nothing to do with you.

ROBINSON Yes.

I must point out to you that the witness is saying that you were one of several people carrying out these actions.

ROBINSON I don't know what they are on about.

They are there witnessing this whole thing. They have come forward to the police.

ROBINSON Yes.

They have made statements, they know the

consequences of going to Court and this, that and the other. Why would they tell mistruths about you.

ROBINSON I don't know.

They know you, they have known you for some time. It is not a case that they are, it is recognition, it is not a case that they are identifying you, they know you.

ROBINSON No.

They are not saying, giving your description and saying so and so. What they are saying is, it is Rory Robinson. I saw Rory Robinson jump on this boy, kick this boy, assault this boy, whom we say is the deceased Hamill.

ROBINSON I don't know why they are saying it.

Well the fact is this witness goes on to say 'I can identify these persons as' - they name a few names - and they name Rory Robinson.

ROBINSON I don't know.

Would you agree to make an allegation or to lie about somebody, especially when you give a statement to police knowing that you were telling the police a lie about a person, who it is alleged are involved in a very very serious allegation. That is a serious matter isn't it Rory.

ROBINSON Yes.

I mean to walk into a police station and give a statement and lie about somebody's involvement in an alleged murder.

ROBINSON Yes.

For a start they are signing a certificate which says 'I declare that this statement consisting of X number of pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry, or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not

believe it to be true'. That is a statement that a witness signs whenever he is giving a statement to the police, so they are aware that they are liable to prosecution if they have wilfully told any lies.

ROBINSON I know.

So that is what is happening in this case here with two separate people.

ROBINSON (Inaudible).

You know they are not saying that they saw you in a crowd of people standing with your hands in your pockets minding your own business. They are not saying that they saw you trying to break through police lines or anything like that there, what they are saying is that they saw you assault this boy, kick this boy, jump on him, jump on his head and we say that is the deceased Hamill.

ROBINSON No.

Who unfortunately for him had a weak skull.

Who unfortunately for him had a weak skull.

ROBINSON As I said it has nothing to do with me at all.

But you are responsible. You are responsible along with the others for this man's death.

ROBINSON No I am telling the truth.

Well I believe these people to be telling the truth, purely and simply from listening to you in your previous interviews and watching you and this, that and the other, I believe and I say it to your face, I don't believe you whatsoever. I think you are telling lies.

ROBINSON No.

I think you are trying to wriggle yourself out of this terrible crime that has happened.

ROBINSON No.

Rory I will move on to another witness who states 'I then noticed Rory Robinson fighting'.

ROBINSON No.

There is somebody else that knows Rory Robinson.

ROBINSON I don't know.

I mean you were in the area at the time, were you not.

ROBINSON I have told you, yes.

So we have to accept there is some truth in what the witness is saying. You were there. You were an observer in your own words, an independent observer, yet we have previously discussed the policemen's statements and now we are moving on to two independent witnesses who have indicated in their statements that they know you. They know you to look at.

ROBINSON M'mm.

So the separate thing is, you have these witnesses who see the fight, who actually see

the assault being carried out. The police don't actually see that, they see you afterwards, they see the crowd and push the crowd back and this and that, and that is when the police see you. But these witnesses obviously see you before the police and like as I say it is not identification, it is recognition. They know you. You know as well as I know this fellow, if I see this fellow jump on a boy's head in the middle of the street, I am not describing him, I am saying it is his name.

ROBINSON

I know.

It is [REDACTED]. You know there is a big difference in it.

'Rory was hitting somebody with his fists. I couldn't see who he was fighting with. Rory was wearing cream coloured jeans'. Not only are they saying that you as a person were there, but fighting, they are also describing part of your dress.

I would again refer you to CW2. Are those the

trousers you were wearing.

ROBINSON Yes.

Now from a distance they would, I would say they would easily be described as cream although there is a fine pinstripe in them.

SOLICITOR Just for the record, I wouldn't agree with that [REDACTED] and it is not for us to decide it.

But why do you, why do you think, as you indicated in the previous interview, I think you said that the policeman may be wrong by way of telling lies and now we confront you with extracts from two independent witnesses, with extracts from their statements and you are suggesting that the first one may have something against you, that they are lying.

ROBINSON I don't know.

What would you say to the extract that I have just read from the second statement.

ROBINSON I don't know, what can I say.

Well I am asking you.

ROBINSON I don't know.

It is a very serious allegation that has been put to you.

ROBINSON I know it is, but I have told you the truth already.

That's the problem here Rory you haven't told the truth.

ROBINSON I have.

And I get the, just from your attitude I get that you allegedly don't give a dam about this fellow being dead.

You have no remorse, you have nothing.

Is that a correct assumption on my colleague's behalf.

ROBINSON No.

You are trying to wriggle your way of this here.

ROBINSON

No.

Rory you were there, you yourself put yourself there. You have put yourself as an independent observer for approximately thirty minutes. This incident has caught your attention. It has caught your attention so much so that you stay there and you observe it, so you are there for a fair period of time and yet there are two police witnesses and there is two independent witnesses and they that you were involved in.

Of course your answer to both is 'I don't know why they are doing it, they must have something against me'.

ROBINSON

Yes.

Are you saying that these two independent witnesses that walked in off the street, made lies up about you.

ROBINSON Yes.

SOLICITOR I can, in fairness and I appreciate the position in fairness, first of all you don't know who the witnesses are and you have made that quite clear to me.

D/C I do know the identity of them.

SOLICITOR You do know them.

D/C But I am not prepared to say.

SOLICITOR Okay. The difficulty is that I see that Mr Robinson has a difficulty in trying to answer any further questions as to why people should say things, because first of all he won't know who the identity of the people are because you won't tell him and I am not going to challenge that at this stage. Secondly, we are not quite sure how quickly the witness statements were made but I am lead to believe that it may just have been within the last couple of days so that may raise a question mark over them. We don't know if they had previously made

inconsistent statements to the police, we don't know even if they are male or female or anything about them so I appreciate that you are entitled to put questions to him up to a certain point but I think it has to be noted that there is a limit to how far he can be expected in my opinion, to comment on that. Right well the one thing that we are sure about, is that there are statements naming him.

D/C

Oh I am accepting that you are putting quite properly evidence you have to him.

Yes I understand what you are saying, you are talking about events that I, what you think of the witnesses and why I should be putting this to him.

But at the end of the day Rory it doesn't matter who these witnesses are, they have come forward to police and to me it doesn't matter when they have come forward, I don't personally know whether they have come forward before or not or whether any previous statements were taken or not. I cannot answer

that question, but what seems important to me is that they are there, they are speaking first hand from what they have saw, right. Now they are not saying that someone else told them that they had seen it. They are saying themselves that I was there, yes whenever this fracas happened. I saw Rory Robinson kick, punch, beat and stamp, jump on a person lying in the middle of the road, a person whom we know is Mr Hamill, who is now the deceased.

D/C

No.

Now they are not saying that and I will emphasise, they are not describing somebody like you doing it, they are saying it is you. It is Rory Robinson. You admit to being there, you admit to being there as an independent witness. You see it all happening from the far side of the road or from the middle of the road, you don't go anywhere near it and this, that and the other. But we are now saying and we did say it in the last interview, that we didn't believe you, but we are now stronger saying to you that we would believe that you are telling lies. We

believe, firmly believe that you were at the scene of this murder and that you actively participated in it, knowing fine well that what the consequences could be. You jump on a fellow's head, lying on the road against a hard surface, things, injuries aren't going to be minor. You know, you knew exactly what you were doing.

ROBINSON

It has nothing to do with me.

You and others, yes it has plenty to do with you Rory.

ROBINSON

No.

You and other people, five of whom have appeared at a special Court today, you and at least those other five, I am not sure whether there is more or not, actively participated in a vicious assault on two people, one of whom has died.

ROBINSON

No.

And I am putting that to you strongly, that

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you were there along with at least five others and that you are partly responsible, if not solely responsible.

ROBINSON No.

For this man Hamill's murder.

ROBINSON No.

Now you asked the question why these witnesses, why the policemen, why they would say this and have they something against you. What had you against Mr Hamill.

ROBINSON I never even seen the fellow.

You didn't see him. Now in your own words you were drinking but you were fully aware of what you were doing so although you had drink taken, you were fully aware of what you were doing. So although you had drink taken, you were fully aware that you were jumping on top of this boy in the middle of the road.

ROBINSON I wasn't jumping on anybody.

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Yes you were.

ROBINSON I didn't.

You were fully aware that you were kicking him and finally then he has died.

ROBINSON No. It has nothing to do with me whatsoever.

Pardon.

ROBINSON It has nothing to do with me whatsoever.

Well I am putting it to you Rory that it is very much something to do with you, based on the account of what I have just read from these statements.

Yes and that is what we go on, you see we weren't there to see it, but there are people who were there and thankfully there are people who have come forward and spoken to the police and they have named the people who are responsible, of which you are one. And it doesn't matter to you who these people are,

you said there was a crowd of people there so it is two people out of that crowd. Right. So it doesn't matter to you who these people are, should it be Joe Bloggs or John Dough, it doesn't matter to you who they are, there is two people naming you as being responsible along with others for killing this fellow.

I don't know why they have done it at all.

ROBINSON

Pardon.

I don't know why they have done it at all, it had nothing to do with me.

What do you mean, you don't know why they have said this.

ROBINSON

Why they have said my name.

Why they said it, because they have witnessed it you doing it. It is a first-hand account, there is no possible stronger evidence than an eyewitness being there, at that moment in time.

Do you understand how important it is that someone has named you.

ROBINSON Yes.

It is somewhat more serious that just giving a description of somebody involved, it is a lot more serious.

Do you realise, can I just ask you Rory in your capacity, have you ever witnessed a road accident or anything like that.

ROBINSON No.

Have you ever made a witness statement to the police about any unrelated matter that you have been questioned about.

ROBINSON No.

Right but think what it is like for a person, you know a person who witnessed the horrific events that unfolded during the early hours of that Sunday the 27th of April. Think what it is like for them and they have made a very,

very strong personal decision to come in and speak to the police. It is not a question of somebody turning up and saying right, okay, we are getting forms, we will write it down, just fire away and that is it. We as police officers have to speak to the witnesses and speak to them to see if there is any truth in what they are saying. We have to make sure that we are not, that we are happy with the fact that we personally are not writing at their dictation, lies! Do you understand that.

ROBINSON

Yes.

You don't accept people coming in and giving you any dribble. This is a very serious allegation which has resulted in the death of somebody and these witnesses have come forward and they have been interviewed by police officers. The events are wrote down, after the statement certificate has been explained to them or it is read over and they have asked to read the statement certificate and duly sign the said statement. It is not something that is done on the toss of a coin, because

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somebody has a grudge against you. We are talking about members of the public coming forward, maybe after a lot of personal thought, and it is a great step for these people to take particularly in a murder investigation and they have named you as one deceased Mr Hamill's head, kicked him repeatedly, punched him. You are part of a mob that killed Mr Hamill.

ROBINSON No.

And this is your opportunity. The only opportunity you get is when we are interviewing you, to tell the truth and explain your side of it.

ROBINSON I told the truth.

No you have told what you want to believe is the truth Rory.

ROBINSON No.

Rory I will ask you again, is there any person

that you can recall now that can say contrary to what, on your behalf to what we have read out to you.

Any alibi that says that you weren't involved.

ROBINSON No. I was by myself I told you.

I beg your pardon.

ROBINSON I was by myself I told you.

By yourself.

ROBINSON Yes.

But yet you are saying you didn't know this mob.

ROBINSON That's right.

Well tell me what took you, what possessed you to go into this mob and to join in with these total strangers and start to kick Mr Hamill and to punch him. What possessed you to join this mob.

I didn't join the mob at all.

ROBINSON

Well the witness is saying you were there.

Why would you as you said in your own words in the previous interviews which was taped, why would you an independent observer and scared for his own safety, participate in acts of violence with complete total strangers that are not known to you.

ROBINSON

I didn't do it.

Well I am asking you what possessed you to become, move from being an independent observer to a defendant in relation to an allegation of murder.

ROBINSON

I didn't.

What we are on about, and let there be no doubt about it, what we are on about here is the murder of Mr Hamill. Nothing else.

ROBINSON

Right.

Right. I don't know what they are on about, I don't know what you are on about, what we are on about is the murder of Hamill, so you do know what we are on about, right. There is no escaping that.

You said to us that you were there as an independent observer, minding your own business, you feared for your own safety and you took a course of action that ensured that you left the area in safety, is that correct.

ROBINSON

Yes.

Yet we put to you extracts from two police officers statements and now we put to you extracts from two witness statements that are totally at variance with what you have said. Absolute total variance to what you have said to us and you, these people have moved you from being an independent observer to an active participant into a crime of murder. That is a big step to take, isn't it. I find it difficult to accept that you would join a group that were totally unknown to you, you

know exactly who was in that group, don't you
Rory.

ROBINSON

No.

You got off the Coach bus with them at the
bottom of Portadown.

You don't want to tell us who they are.

ROBINSON

(Inaudible).

We are not asking you who they are really at
the end of the day. If you don't want to tell
us who you were involved in the murder of Mr
Hamill with, that is entirely a matter for
yourself.

ROBINSON

I wasn't involved with nobody.

You said we have your clothing here that you
were wearing except for the jacket. What were
you wearing, what footwear were you wearing.

ROBINSON

I can't really remember.

Is that because you now suddenly realise that this might be important.

ROBINSON You asked me that last night too.

Yes and what did you say to it.

ROBINSON I have a lot of pairs of shoes and I don't know what I was wearing.

I beg your pardon.

ROBINSON I told you that I had a lot of pairs of shoes and I didn't know what I was wearing.

You can't recall that.

ROBINSON

No.

Were they black shoes, brown shoes.

ROBINSON I couldn't tell you, I don't know.

Trainers. What would you normally wear with those trousers, that matches or that you feel comfortable wearing with those trousers.

ROBINSON I don't know.

That is debatable.

ROBINSON Well to save us lifting all your shoes, have you any idea what particular ones you were wearing.

ROBINSON No I don't know, I could have been wearing white gutties or so, maybe cream.

Do you still have those.

ROBINSON Yes.

And where are they.

ROBINSON Probably in the wardrobe.

At your parent's home or at [REDACTED]

ROBINSON [REDACTED]

Have you burnt any clothing recently.

ROBINSON Why.

I am just asking, have you burnt any clothing recently.

ROBINSON What would I want to burn clothes for.

To destroy forensic evidence that may be on them following the murder of Mr Hamill.

ROBINSON Sure I was nowhere near him that night.

That is what you tell us. I am asking a question. Did you give.

ROBINSON Did your witness not say that I was wearing those clothes.

Sorry.

ROBINSON Did your witness not say I was wearing those clothes too.

Did you give clothes away to anybody.

ROBINSON No.

Have you thrown out any footwear recently.

ROBINSON No.

So any footwear that you were wearing that night, is in either of your two addresses or are they in [REDACTED]

ROBINSON [REDACTED]

Well apart from inconvenience, do you have any objection to the police examining all your shoes.

ROBINSON No.

Rory we have sat through three, well this is the third interview Rory and as I previously said to you, your mind is very active and you can recollect events leading up to the point you left the pedestrian crossing. Your mind is very active and recollective of when you leave the scene in the company of two police officers, but the important time is when the deceased Mr Hamill is taking the beating and the kicking and you are standing there

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watching events that unfold, you cannot recall it.

ROBINSON No.

And yet at the same time you can, even though the extracts from four witnesses have been put to you, which are at variance with what you say, you can quite clearly say that that is not true.

ROBINSON Yes.

How can you say that when you can't recollect what is going on for thirty minutes.

ROBINSON I don't know.

You are just not telling the truth Rory about those thirty minutes because you were an active participant, you were beating the deceased Mr Hamill which is verified by independent witnesses who have named you, you as a person. Not describing you by what you are wearing, but you as a person, they know you.

You are not telling us, just to make it clear, that you were part of crowd but you don't remember being involved in this assault at any stage. You are not saying that.

You are still saying that you had absolutely nothing to do with it, that you were still across the road watching it all.

ROBINSON

On my own.

Okay I have no further questions to put to you. Do you have Dave.

And you say in relation to, certainly to these two witnesses, that they are telling lies about you.

ROBINSON

I don't know why they are saying it.

Or at least they are mistaken.

ROBINSON

They must be mistaken.

And I would emphasise to you again just before

I finish that it is a lot stronger that they recognise you and know you and name you as opposed to giving a description of clothing or a description of you, right. They know you and they are totally sickened by this attack and they have come forward to police.

ROBINSON

I know.

Do you see the difference between describing somebody by clothing and appearance as to naming somebody by an actual name, do you recognise the difference.

ROBINSON

Yes. I don't know why they said that but.

Do you know Dean Forbes.

ROBINSON

Yes.

Do you know Muck.

ROBINSON

I know the name but I can't picture him like.

Stacey.

Bridgett.

Bridgett.

ROBINSON

Yes.

And Allister, who is that.

Allister Hanvey.

ROBINSON

Yes.

Do you socialise with them.

ROBINSON

Sometimes.

Sometimes. When was the last time you
socialised with Dean Forbes.

ROBINSON

I don't know.

You don't know.

When was the last time you socialised with
Allister Hanvey.

ROBINSON

I haven't a clue.

Stacey Bridgett, do you know him.

ROBINSON Yes I know him, I don't even know the last time I was with him like.

What about Muck, when was the last time you were with him.

ROBINSON I can't picture him at all like.

No.

Does the name Mark Hobson mean anything to you.

ROBINSON No.

Did you socialise with those names that we have just mentioned to you, where they on the bus going to the Coach on Saturday night the 26th of April.

ROBINSON I don't know.

Could they have been.

ROBINSON They could well have been.

Why.

If they were would you not have recognised them and seen them.

ROBINSON I don't know, I wasn't looking round like.

This is going to the Coach now, this is before there is any drink consumed. If they had have been on the bus, would you have seen them.

ROBINSON I don't know. If they were on the bus, I would have seen them but I can't remember if they were there or not.

Where did you catch the bus to the Coach.

ROBINSON As I said outside Z-Cabs.

Outside Z-Cabs and was the bus present when you arrived.

ROBINSON I can't remember.

You don't remember.

Say that again.

ROBINSON I can't remember.

You don't want to remember.

ROBINSON I don't want to remember.

Yes.

ROBINSON Why.

You don't want to remember these points that we are putting to you, sure you don't.

ROBINSON (Inaudible).

You don't want to remember if those guys were on the bus.

ROBINSON I don't know if they were there on the bus or not.

So did you wait for the bus then.

ROBINSON I can't remember.

So when you got on the bus, and you paid your money to, who was it again you paid your money to, [REDACTED]

ROBINSON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] And where did you sit.

ROBINSON Just at the front.

And did anyone say hello to you.

ROBINSON I can't remember.

You can't remember.

Did you, how long did the coach remain insitu, was it full, were you late, was it waiting for further customers to fill up.

ROBINSON I don't know.

Why not.

ROBINSON I just can't remember.

Well tell me then, when you came back from the Coach, I think you said you consumed seven pints or seven drinks, is that correct.

ROBINSON I don't know what I had, it might have been more.

How come then that your memory through alcohol is better and more recollective after the Coach, after you had been drinking. Tell me how that is.

ROBINSON I haven't a notion.

Pardon.

ROBINSON I haven't a notion.

You haven't a notion. So you are telling me that you didn't converse, you didn't speak with anybody at all on that coach going.

ROBINSON No.

And you got on the coach coming back from Banbridge and you didn't converse with anybody.

ROBINSON No.

Did anyone try to engage you in conversation.

ROBINSON I don't think so no.

Like after all it is not strangers we are on about, it is people that you know and knock about with.

ROBINSON No.

If you know somebody and knock about with somebody, it is only natural that you would talk to them. You are saying you didn't and you expect us to believe that. That is what you want us to believe, isn't that right Rory.

ROBINSON That's the truth.

It is not the truth, it is lies.

ROBINSON It isn't lies.

Are you a regular user of the coach to Banbridge.

ROBINSON Yes.

How long would you say you have been using that motor transport to get to Banbridge.

ROBINSON That bus has only started this last while back.

Well go on, how many times have you used that facility.

ROBINSON Four or five.

And on each occasion you have got on it, do you conduct yourself in the same manner that you have described here today.

ROBINSON It depends yes. Usually yes.

Usually.

ROBINSON Yes..

Are you an introverted sort of chap.

ROBINSON What does that mean.

Well do you keep yourself, are you very quiet,
do you not communicate with people.

ROBINSON I keep myself to myself.

You sort of prefer your own company, is that
right.

ROBINSON Yes.

But you know Dean Forbes.

ROBINSON Yes.

How do you know him.

ROBINSON He used to go to the Rangers Club with us.

Yes.

ROBINSON Years ago.

Yes. Do you socialise or have you socialised
with him.

ROBINSON Recently.

No have you socialised with him.

ROBINSON Yes.

Where.

ROBINSON Around the town.

At the Coach.

ROBINSON The odd time yes.

So you have sort of met each other at the
Coach the odd time.

ROBINSON Yes.

Where about Allister Hanvey, have you socialised with him in the past.

ROBINSON At the Coach the odd time.

And would they use the same mode of transport to get to the Coach that you use.

ROBINSON I don't know.

I beg your pardon.

ROBINSON I don't know.

But you have met up with them or you have seen them or you have bumped into them at the Coach.

ROBINSON Yes.

There is no doubt about that now.

Whereabouts, going back to the Coach now, have you ever shared the same transport going back from the Coach, coming back from the Coach.

ROBINSON I don't think so.

Are you sure or are you absolutely sure or are you not sure.

ROBINSON I am not sure, I never ever really looked.

What about Stacey Bridgett.

ROBINSON What about him.

Well do you socialise with him.

ROBINSON Yes.

Where.

ROBINSON The same place, the Coach, but not all the time.

The Coach. Would he use the bus to get to the Coach.

ROBINSON Probably yes.

What about Muck.

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ROBINSON I don't know whether he goes there or not.

So out of the four names, there is three that you seen at the Coach.

ROBINSON Yes.

And you are not sure whether they have used the same mode of transport to get there like yourself.

ROBINSON Yes.

Would you go there as a group.

ROBINSON I usually go on my own so I do.

No I said have you, would you go there as a group.

ROBINSON I would go on my own.

Have you been there as a group.

ROBINSON No.

Have you socialised in the premises as a group.

ROBINSON Not really no.

Well what do you mean not really.

ROBINSON We just talk and walk on a bit. Say hello, how are you doing.

And would you share a drink with each other.

ROBINSON No.

Would you buy them a drink.

ROBINSON No.

Would they buy you one.

ROBINSON No.

What do you call your girlfriend again.

ROBINSON Clare.

Have you mentioned to Clare about this here what you saw that night and this and that.

ROBINSON No.

You never ever mentioned, talked to her about it.

ROBINSON No.

So she can obviously verify that on Saturday the 26th of April 1997 she was in your company at the Coach.

ROBINSON Yes.

And you were not in the company of any Portadown people.

ROBINSON Yes.

Is that correct Rory.

Rory is that correct.

ROBINSON Yes.

Are you sure now.

Whether they approached you on a casual basis,
whether for a minute, two minutes.

ROBINSON I was sitting with her all night.

About whether you talked to anybody on the bus
on the way back, or anybody talked to you.
You are saying you didn't, she will be able to
back that up.

ROBINSON She wasn't on the bus, she doesn't go home on
the bus.

She wasn't on the bus.

So you are saying that she, you and her just
kept each other company throughout the whole
evening in the Coach.

ROBINSON Yes.

And you never conversed with anybody from the
Portadown area.

ROBINSON No.

Does she know those three names that I have read out to you.

ROBINSON I don't know.

Have you ever been in her company when you have met any of those three people.

ROBINSON I don't think so.

Have you ever introduced them to her.

ROBINSON No.

Rory you know you really are negative in the sense that ie going to the Coach, you are not negative while you are at the Coach, while you are with Clare, you are very negative once you get on to the coach to come back from Banbridge and it is debatable when you get off the coach at Z-Cabs and you walk up to St Marks Church, you become completely negative re the events that you witness for thirty

minutes. We are back to the fact that you can recollect everything once you get escorted by the police. Why is that.

ROBINSON I don't know.

Do you realise how serious this all is.

ROBINSON Yes certainly I do.

You realise how serious it is that not alone have you two policemen saying that you were there after the fact but that there is two independent witnesses who are saying that you were there and taking an active role in the serious assault which resulted in the murder of Mr Hamill.

ROBINSON Yes.

You realise how serious that it.

ROBINSON Yes.

Have you anything to say in relation to that.

ROBINSON It had nothing to do with me at all.

Right. You may have been asked this before, I don't know, I don't even know if it is relevant or not, are you prepared to stand in an identification parade in relation to this.

ROBINSON No.

Pardon.

ROBINSON No.

Why not.

ROBINSON I have been advised by my Solicitor not to.

Okay.

Could I just ask you once question before we finish. Did you attend the doctor after Sunday the 27th of April.

ROBINSON The doctor.

Have you attended your doctor.

ROBINSON No.

Since that date.

ROBINSON Why.

I am just asking you, have you.

ROBINSON No.

Have you needed any medical attention since then.

ROBINSON No.

Okay. Have you anything else to say.

I have no further questions to put to you Rory.

Is there anything that you wish to add or clear up at this moment before I switch the tape off.

ROBINSON No.

Okay the time by my watch now is 1343 hours.

I am now serving you Form PACE 21 and I am now
switching off the machine

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