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LUNT - TAPE NO.1

This interview is being tape recorded. The interview is being conducted in an interview room at Banbridge Police Station. I am Detective Constable Dickson, South Region CID. Other officers present are Detective Sergeant Carson from South Region CID. The date is the 10th day of May 1997 and the time taken from the interview room clock is 1308. At the end of the interview I will give you a notice explaining what will happen to the tapes. I must remind you that, well your Solicitor is here so we don't need to go through that. Now the interview can be delayed by your Solicitor if he so wishes. You understand now you have been arrested in relation to the murder of Robert Hamill.

LUNT

Yes.

At Portadown on the 27th of last month and for that I have to caution you. 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. Now that caution, do you understand it.

LUNT

Yes.

Well first of all could I ask you just to, do you recall the night of this fight in Portadown.

LUNT

Yes.

In Market Street.

LUNT

Yes.

Could you explain your, what you did that night.

LUNT

What I did that night.

Ah ha.

LUNT

Well we were up at a party and then we were

walking down the town and then a couple of young girls and my mate sat at the church for a while and then everybody was being moved up. I didn't know what it was about or anything like that there, everybody was being pushed up by the police lines. I went walking down and from the Church down on the left hand side to where Woodhouse Street is I was arrested by a police woman and put in to the back of a landrover. I was asked my name and address, she took my name and address. She radioed it through and she told me go on. So she let me out of the landrover. I walked along into the town and got a taxi and went home.

Now where was the party.

LUNT

It was in [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED]

Who's house was it in.

LUNT

Some young girl Jamieson. I don't know her first name.

How did you come to see her.

LUNT I met them in the park. Brownstown Park.

Were you at the Coach that night.

LUNT No.

And you say you were in the area of the Church.

LUNT Yes we were sitting at the church.

Any idea of the times or anything.

LUNT No. I don't know.

How much had you to drink that night.

LUNT A bottle of wine, Buckfast.

Right and you say the police forced you down towards.

LUNT No the police were forcing people up the town.

Towards the church.

LUNT Towards the church yes.

Well how did you come to go the other way.

LUNT Cause I was walking down to see what was going on.

But surely if the police were forcing people back, how did you go against what they were doing.

LUNT I was just going down to see what was happening.

On which side of the street did you.

LUNT The left hand side.

As you walk towards the bottom of the town.

LUNT Yes.

Well that's the same side of the street as Woodhouse Street.

LUNT Yes.

At any time were you on the Thomas Street side of the main street.

LUNT

No. Oh whenever I got out of the landrover I was walking up to go round the long way to the town, that's the only time.

To go round where sorry.

LUNT

The long way round where the Health Centre is. That's the only time I crossed over to go round that way to go home.

There is part of this here I didn't go through. What is your full name.

LUNT

Wayne David Lunt.

Sorry about that. Also present is.

SOLICITOR

██████████, Solicitor, Portadown.

Thank you ██████████. So you would say that you were never across at the Thomas Street junction.

LUNT

No.

What were you wearing that night.

LUNT

I was wearing a blue and white Toronto top, a white USA baseball hat, a rangers scarf, white jeans.

A Toronto top.

LUNT

Yes they took it for forensic evidence out of the house anyway.

Does this have, does it have the name Tronoto on it.

LUNT

Yes there is a bit Toronto leaf, the Maple leaf on the front of it. It says Toronto on it.

Right. What were you wearing, trousers or jeans.

LUNT

White jeans.

And what were you wearing on your feet.

LUNT A pair of Ascot gutties.

What.

LUNT Ascot gutties.

Right. And the police woman, why did she put you in the back of the landrover.

LUNT Cause she said I was covering my face with my scarf.

Right.

LUNT But I always wear a scarf and it usually sits about there. It goes down from the top from about there to there.

Ah ha.

LUNT It's a Rangers scarf. It always sits there all the time. She said I was trying to cover my face.

That's what you are showing us. It sits below

your bottom lip.

LUNT

Yes.

How many people were at this party you claim to be at.

LUNT

There was me and Lisa Hobson, Heidi Rainey, Joanne Bradley.

Hold on a wee second, Lisa Hobson.

LUNT

Heidi Rainey, Joanne Bradley and the young girl whose house it was. I don't know her first name but her surname is Jamieson.

She is a Jamieson.

LUNT

She's not one of the Jamiesons.

She's not Bobby's daughter.

LUNT

No. She has nothing to them ones.

But her name is Jamieson.

LUNT Yes it is Jamieson.

And where was it.

LUNT

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
There's no such thing as [REDACTED]
There is [REDACTED], there is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

LUNT

Then that must be it.

Do you know where the house was.

LUNT

Yes. As you come over from the [REDACTED]
it is the first one on the left.

That's.

LUNT

That's Street. Then you go straight down.

There's what I would call the old Tech.
There's [REDACTED] and there's a tyre depot
there and that's coming down the [REDACTED] and
this is the first one on the left, that's goes
up to [REDACTED] factory area. In to the

left there is [REDACTED]

LUNT

Yes. That must be it there. It is the first street whenever you are going down towards the [REDACTED]

Yes. The first street having come down [REDACTED]

LUNT

Yes.

That's the first street on your left.

LUNT

Yes the first street on your left.

And where was it down, where was the house.

How far down [REDACTED]

LUNT

About [REDACTED].

On which side of the street as you go down.

LUNT

The [REDACTED] hand side.

On the [REDACTED] hand side.

LUNT Yes.

How did you come to know about this party.

LUNT I met them in Brownstown Park.

And they just asked you to go to the party.

LUNT I knew them like and I says where are you going and they said they were going down to her house.

Right. Who were the names again. Lisa Hobson, Heidi Rainey. Who were you in the park with.

LUNT Well my wee brother and Mark (inaudible) and them ones left and I met Heidi and the young girl Jamieson and then we met, we walked up and met Lisa and Joanne and then we went down to her house.

SOLICITOR So I think the main, sorry to interrupt, when you were in front of the Church - St Marks - the girls were with you.

LUNT Yes.

SOLICITOR And when you walked down.

LUNT They were with us.

SOLICITOR Down towards Woodhouse Street side the girls were with you.

LUNT Yes.

SOLICITOR The girls were also with you when the woman police constable came over and arrested you.

LUNT Yes.

SOLICITOR So there is a continuity there from the party, from [REDACTED] right down to the church.

LUNT Yes.

SOLICITOR And then walking on down the left hand side of the street.

LUNT Yes. We went up, that's Connor Walk, Connor

Park. We went up Connor Park into Brownstown Estate and round that way so we did.

When you went to the party, your brother and who else was with you in the park.

LUNT Mark (inaudible).

And what is your brother's name.

LUNT Philip.

Philip. Where did they go.

LUNT I don't know where they went to.

So you were just.

LUNT Them ones left.

You were the only male at the party.

LUNT Yes.

Lucky boy. So you don't know where your brother went to.

LUNT

No I don't.

So he can't verify this party at all.

LUNT

No we can't. I said to him the next day about the party like.

Was he there in the street whenever you went down to see the fracas, the trouble that was going on.

LUNT

No I never seen him about there.

What, when you say you were at the church, what could you see going on from there.

LUNT

Just there was a big crowd and they were all walking backwards, that's it.

Could you see anybody fighting.

LUNT

No I never seen any of it.

When you were going down the street towards Woodhouse Street as you say, did you have

anything in your hand.

LUNT A Buckfast bottle.

A Buckfast bottle, right. Where did it go.

LUNT I don't know. I probably dropped it when your police woman grabbed me.

SOLICITOR But the girls were with you this at the time the police woman grabbed you.

LUNT Yes.

Would it surprise you if I said the police through their enquiries could say that you were seen kicking Robert Hamill.

LUNT It would cause I didn't.

Well.

LUNT I'd have had a hard job.

I will have to put it to you that we can.

LUNT Well I didn't. I didn't fuckin touch him.

Did you see anybody lying on the ground.

LUNT Yes I seen him lying there when I got out of the landrover when I was going home. I have to go through the town to get home and the only way I could go was round the long route and I seen him lying there whenever I got out of the landrover. That's the only time.

Well I am not saying this lightly so I'm not because we do have a witness who would indicate that you did kick.

LUNT I didn't touch him.

Mr Hamill while he was lying on the ground.

LUNT I didn't touch him.

SOLICITOR Who's the witness.

It was someone who was at the scene. Name wise we don't want to come forward with that at the moment. It was somebody who was in the

group of people who where in Thomas Street
that were attacked.

SOLICITOR One of the injured party's group.

Yes.

LUNT Tell me this how would they know me.

What.

LUNT How would she know me.

I didn't say the witness named you.

LUNT Well how did know it was me.

From the evidence they have given us it would
indicate that your client.

LUNT Well she's wrong or he's wrong or whoever it
is is wrong.

Okay. The first time the police said that
they saw you was outside Thornton's Shop,
would that be correct.

LUNT Thorton's, that's on the left hand side, yes.

Would that be right.

LUNT Yes probably.

They suggest that you were carrying that Buckfast bottle upside down pouring the stuff out of it, or trying to pour the stuff out of it.

LUNT Trying to pour stuff out of it.

Well what way were you carrying the Buckfast bottle.

LUNT Like that.

By the neck.

LUNT Yes.

The police car apparently stopped and the police woman got out and then you took off again up towards the church.

LUNT

Yes.

Is that right.

LUNT

Yes.

Why was that, why did you head off.

LUNT

Because if fighting starts in the town, the police are looking to arrest somebody, aren't they, I didn't want to be arrested.

Right.

LUNT

So I went, and then I was walking back down the town again to go home and that's when she grabbed me and put me in the back of the landrover.

So you went back up towards the church again.

LUNT

Yes.

Did you go back up, where the girls with you whenever you were coming down the town at

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Thornton's.

LUNT At Thornton's, yes they were.

SOLICITOR They were there.

LUNT Yes.

Did they see you being put into the landrover.

LUNT Yes.

Where were they when you got out of the landrover.

LUNT I don't know, I lost them. I don't where they went to.

These girls again, Lisa Hobson where does she live.

LUNT

[REDACTED]

And Heidi Rainey.

LUNT

[REDACTED]

Anything more definite than [REDACTED]

LUNT

What.

Anything more definite that [REDACTED] just.

LUNT

No I don't know where she lives.

Street name.

LUNT

No I don't know.

Joanne Rainey.

LUNT

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LUNT

[REDACTED]

This girl Jamieson wasn't with you then whenever you went down the town, or was she.

LUNT

She was with us then she left us. I don't know where she went to.

Before you came down towards the crowd.

LUNT

Aye she had left us.

Do you see whenever you saw the crowd coming back down towards you up at the church, what crowd was that or who was that. Did you recognise people in the crowd.

LUNT

No I didn't recognise anyone.

But you just went down to see what was going on.

LUNT

Yes.

Were you not afraid that you would be attacked down there.

LUNT

What.

Were you not afraid that you would be attacked down there.

LUNT

What would somebody want to attack me for.

Well it is my understanding in that particular area of the town that it is a frequent flash point between Unionists and Nationalist type people.

LUNT

Well it is very rare I seen it.

Well I think that is reputed to be an area where it does happen from speaking to people.

LUNT

Sometimes it happens but I very rarely have seen it.

Really.

LUNT

Now and again but it's very rare that I have seen anything like that there anyway.

As I say I have been given to understand that that is, if there is any likelihood that is the area where it would take place that particular section of the town.

Now would it not be silly for you to walk into

something where you don't know.

What you were walking in to , in case you got a slap in the mouth.

LUNT

Well I was just going down to see.

Pardon.

LUNT

That was a risk I was taking, wasn't it.

SOLICITOR

But there was police officers on the scene.

LUNT

Aye there was police officers there. There was landrovers and they were all out in the line. I was just going down to see what happening.

The police officer whenever she eventually arrested you, my interpretation of her statement on where you were at that point was more towards the central reservation rather than the left hand side. You know, I have a rough sketch here. The grassy area in the middle of the street is where she will say you were.

LUNT The grassy area.

You know where the central reservation is.

LUNT Aye but it was definitely, I was on the left hand side. It was probably near that there on the left hand side.

Now here's a photograph album here. It is item number ARN1. Photograph 1 is a view of the town and on the left hand side if you are coming towards the church we have say Thornton's Shop etc. My in speaking to her and also reading her statement she sort of suggests that you were more on the side of the street.

LUNT I wouldn't think it, cause that's the side of the street I was on there.

And that's where you say, you are indicating definitely it's the left hand side.

LUNT Yes.

And you are saying that you weren't over that central reservation.

LUNT

No definitely not.

You see she would say, you know the crowd that you say were being pushed back up the street.

LUNT

Yes.

Where were they, which side were they on.

LUNT

They were on here about there.

You are indicating now to what would be the right hand side of the street if you are coming down from the church. But you were going to join that crowd, why were you going, why were you coming on the left hand side if you were going to join it.

LUNT

Why was I coming down there.

Yes.

Cause it was the safest place to go.

SOLICITOR He didn't say he was going to join it, he said
he went down to see what was happening.

Sorry that's not what we were inferred.

LUNT I was on my own actually at the time.

As I say in her statement she is suggesting
that you were part of the crowd on the right
hand side.

LUNT Well she is wrong.

And that you ended up kicking her or something.

LUNT Kicking her.

And that's why she ended up apprehending you.

LUNT I wouldn't think it.

SOLICITOR Is she saying my client kicked her.

Yes.

LUNT

Well I went to kick her why didn't she put in a complaint in against me that night. Why didn't she arrest me for assaulting a police officer. She didn't arrest me at all.

Well I mean the simple answer to that was, there was an affray, there was a lot of people, there was a fight going on and they hadn't the manpower to deal with you then and there.

LUNT

Well why didn't she come after me when it was all over. I seen her when I was going to the taxi base when I was going to get my taxi. She was taking care of a road accident.

Okay well she took you.

SOLICITOR

You saw her again did you.

LUNT

Yes.

Well we will cover that now. So she took you back to the landrover.

LUNT

Yes.

Was she on her own.

LUNT

There was a police man in the landrover as well.

But was she on her own when she took you back to the landrover.

LUNT

Yes she was.

Right and then what did she do when she got you into the landrover.

LUNT

She says what's your name.

And you told her where you lived.

LUNT

Yes where I lived.

Well I mean as needs be that night, the policy was more to get, they got your details, they can pursue you at a later time, but she needed to get back out to assist with the crowd. I mean that is the simple explanation of it all, but she is suggesting that you were on the

other side of the road, in the crowd, or part of the crowd.

LUNT No. I am hardly going to join a crowd that I don't know.

SOLICITOR So you are saying that you didn't know anybody in that crowd.

LUNT I didn't know anybody at all.

SOLICITOR What time was this meant to have happened at.

This happened at.

SOLICITOR That she is saying she arrested my client.

It was around two, 2am

SOLICITOR 2am.

That's approximately now, that's off the top of my head now, I will have to check her statement so I will. And you were saying you weren't over there.

LUNT

No.

You see it is a member of the other part of the fracas that are saying that the person who was put in the back of the landrover, he can positively say was kicking Robert Hamill on the ground.

LUNT

Well he was wrong.

There was only one person put in the back of the landrover and that was you.

LUNT

That was me, yes, I know.

That was you.

LUNT

I didn't put one finger on him.

No it is your boot I'm talking about.

LUNT

I didn't put my boot in him either, sure if I put my boot in him there's bound to have been blood on everything, and they could get it off my gutties, if I put my boot in him which I didn't.

What makes you think there was a lot of blood involved.

LUNT I'm just saying it, if he is dead like there's bound to have been loads of blood come out of him like.

Not necessarily.

LUNT I'm just saying and plus actually I seen him whenever I got out of the landrover I seen him lying there as well.

Look at photograph 1 again if you would. Where do you think roughly he was.

LUNT Roughly. Well the landrover was here.

At the junction of Thomas Street.

LUNT Yes.

But how.

LUNT And he was lying about there.

Sort of at the traffic island in the middle.

LUNT

Yes.

In the gap or behind the gap.

LUNT

Roughly round about there somewhere, I don't know the exact spot.

Right. Would he, you see looking up Thomas Street, you know that's the street opposite Woodhouse Street, would it have been towards the church side of Thomas Street or towards the town centre, the boy that you saw lying.

LUNT

Towards the church.

And you only saw one fella lying.

LUNT

Yes I only seen one boy lying.

Was the ambulance and all there whenever you were there.

LUNT

No it wasn't.

Nothing like that.

LUNT

Nothing at all.

And you're saying you didn't identify any people in the crowd.

LUNT

Nobody at all. I didn't know one of them.

So these girls that were with you.

LUNT

Yes.

You were sitting just at the church whenever you became aware of this happening.

LUNT

Yes.

How long had you been here.

LUNT

Well whenever we were going down we sat at the church. We seen the crowd coming back ways like that there and we were there just about two minutes. We seen the crowd coming back and then we walked down to see what was

happening.

Where were you going with these girls.

LUNT

My house.

They were coming with you.

LUNT

Yes.

They dandered down the side of the street with you.

LUNT

Yes.

They were with you until you were arrested.

LUNT

Yes.

Whenever you were at the church did you see anybody else knocking about.

LUNT

Did I see anyone.

Yes in the streets, up at the church.

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LUNT Up at the church.

Yes.

LUNT Aye well there was people walking down and walking up like.

Anybody you knew.

LUNT No, there was nobody I knew.

How long have you known these girls.

LUNT Donkies. I used, I went to school with them. I used to go with two of them.

The police woman, whenever she says she initially sighted you at Thorntons, you know coming down the way, she didn't mention anybody with you, just you on your own.

LUNT Well she is lying.

Were you running or walking.

LUNT Walking.

Now I mean obviously I will go back to her and ask her was there anybody there.

LUNT

Right.

It's certainly not in her statement. It's not something I queried her about.

LUNT

If you don't believe me you can go and find out there addresses and ask them and they will say the exact same that they were with me.

Right.

LUNT

And whenever I was leaving after I had left the landrover, Simon McNally's mum walked up the road with me into the Chinese. I ordered a chip, I didn't get it like, I ordered a chip, then I went down and walked home. I went round to the taxi base and got a taxi home and I even know the taxi driver's name if you want that too.

Simon McNally's mum

LUNT

Yes.

Walked up the road with you.

Yes.

She saw you getting out of the landrover, did she.

LUNT

Yes. She says, when I was walking up I seen her at you know where the church is, what do you call that [REDACTED].

Alright.

LUNT

And she was just standing up there a bit and I was going to walk into the Fair Grange, she says where are you going, I says I am going home and she says come on and I'll walk up with you will. I said alright.

Where's she from.

LUNT

She's from [REDACTED].

Can you not be more definite than that..

LUNT

No.

Then you got a taxi home.

LUNT

Yes.

What taxi company.

LUNT

Eden Cabs and the driver was [REDACTED].

Did you shout anything whenever you got out of the landrover.

LUNT

Did I shout anything.

Aye, that anybody would have heard.

LUNT

Anybody would have heard.

Any sort of cat calls at the police or anything like that there.

LUNT

No.

I mean it is not illegal to shout things.

LUNT I know but I didn't shout anything.

You didn't.

LUNT No. There was a fella standing behind the landrover near Woodhouse Street. He shouted something at me and I turned round and the next things there was six cops pushing me into the shutter.

What did he shout at you, do you know.

LUNT I don't know what he shouted at me, I just turned round, probably something, I don't know like what he was trying to say.

SOLICITOR Sorry six policemen did what.

LUNT Pushed me into a shutter.

What shutter.

LUNT It was, as you are going up, as you're coming down it was on the right hand side, so it would have been. If you were coming down here

or something.

So you actually crossed from the left hand side of the street after you were.

LUNT Yes after the landrover I went over that way and walked up.

SOLICITOR Is that near Dorothy Perkins.

LUNT Yes it would be aye.

I have a photograph of the area.

SOLICITOR So the six policemen pushed you into that shutter.

LUNT Yes.

That's a better view there isn't it.

LUNT Yes.

That's photograph 2, that was taken from the church looking down the street.

LUNT Yes looking down the street, so I would have been pushed into about, I would say about there or there.

Where was the crowd at that time, were they even further back.

LUNT They were all over the place and that, just everywhere.

How many people would have been about the street that night.

LUNT Well I didn't count them, I think roughly about thirty, forty.

And you just dandered down into a crowd of thirty or forty people, where you knew there was probably trouble.

LUNT Well I have to go that way to get home.

Yes but you said you went down just to see what was happening not just to get home.

LUNT Well we were going home, like me and the young

girls that were with me, after we left that there house, I said look we will go out to my house cause my Ma and Da were away out and I said we will go out to my house and sit there for a while. They said right so we were walking down and seeing all that there and we went down to see what was happening. We didn't know and then we seen the police lines and all that there.

And where was the young lassie Jamieson at this stage.

LUNT

I don't know where she was, she went away somewhere.

Did she leave her house to come with you.

LUNT

Yes she was with us whenever we were going down the town.

At the church.

LUNT

Yes.

And as you walk down towards.

LUNT Towards the crowd, I don't know where she went
after that.

You lost her after the church.

LUNT Yes.

Just the other two lassies.

LUNT Yes just them two.

Did you know the fella who died.

LUNT Did I know him.

Yes.

LUNT No.

Well at this point we want to terminate this
interview. It's just we just want to clarify
a few things you said to us, to see if we can
chase them up. The other thing is at a later
stage would you be prepared to to to an
identity parade.

LUNT

Yes.

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