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SERIOUS ASSAULT

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: F DEPT, CIS D/CHIEF SUPERINTENDENTS AND
REGIONAL PRESS OFFICER

1. DATE 27 APRIL 1997
2. TIME 01.47 hrs

3. LOCATION MARKET STREET, PORTADOWN
4. IP (NAME, ADDRESS, DOB AND OCCUPATION)
 1. PAUL HAMILL, [REDACTED]
 2. D [REDACTED]

5. CIRCUMSTANCES

AT APPROX 01.45 hrs A GROUP OF ABOUT 8 TO 10 PEOPLE CAME DOWN THOMAS STREET IN PORTADOWN. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE COMING FROM ST PATRICK'S HALL (RC). AT THE JUNCTION WITH MARKET STREET THEY MET A LARGE GROUP OF PROTESTANTS (POSSIBLY 50). A POLICE LANDROVER WAS ALREADY IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JUNCTION.

POLICE MOVED IN TO TRY AND PREVENT ANY DISORDER BUT HOSTILITIES STARTED BETWEEN THE TWO RIVAL FACTIONS, RESULTING IN THE ABOVE NAMED HAVING TO BE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE.

NUMEROUS BOTTLES WERE THROWN DURING THE COURSE OF THE FRACAS, AND POLICE WERE THEMSELVES THE SUBJECT OF ATTACK BY THE PROTESTANT GROUP. OTHER POLICE PATROLS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND WITH THE AID OF J2 MSU (DIVERTED FROM BANBRIDGE AND LURGAN) THE FACTIONS WERE SEPARATED AND PEACE RESTORED.

THE TOWN CENTRE WAS QUIET BY 03.00 hrs.

6. INJURIES BOTH PARTIES SUFFERED HEAD INJURIES.
HAMILL'S CONDITION IS CONSIDERED TO BE SERIOUS AND HE IS DUE TO BE MOVED TO THE NEUROLOGICAL UNIT AT THE BELFAST. RVH

7. ARRESTS (IF ANY)

NONE AT THIS STAGE. PLANNED ARRESTS WILL BE MADE IN DUE COURSE.

8. INVESTIGATING OFFICER D/CONST KEYS CID

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