

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF ALLISTER HANVEY

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I declare that this statement consisting of 4 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 have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 07 day of May 1997

DERECK BRADLEY
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

ALLISTER HANVEY
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

On Saturday evening, the 26th April 1997, I was in Portadown. I went into Gary's Bar in Bridge Street, Portadown, about 8 pm. I was on my own but I met my brother, [REDACTED] and his girlfriend, [REDACTED] in the bar. I had a couple of pints with them. I left the bar about 9 pm and I went next door to the Off Licence where I bought a 6 pack of Tennents beer. I then walked over the Bann Bridge where I met two mates, Mark Hobson from [REDACTED] and Johnny Wright from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All three of us then walked up through the town and went to my mate's flat at the junction of [REDACTED] Avenue, I don't know the exact address. This mate is Dean Johnston. We arrived in the flat about 10 pm and Dean was there with his girlfriend, Leanne Hobson. Mark and Johnny had a carryout with them. All 5 of us stayed in the flat until roughly 1 30 am to 2 am. We just sat in the flat watching TV and drinking. Mark, Johnny and I left together. We walked out onto the Loughgall Road, up to the roundabout, straight on past Burkes, over the footbridge into West Street and stopped at the Chinese Takeaway beside Tasty Takeaway. I bought a chicken fried rice and I ate it outside the Chinese. When I had eaten it I headed off down West Street, into the town centre with Mark and Johnny. When we

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got to the big Church I saw people running about the town centre and a lot of shouting in the vicinity of Woodhouse Street/Thomas Street. There were people shouting abuse at each other. I heard people shout, "Orange bastards, black bastards" and just general taunting. I could see that there were Policemen in among this crowd. I would estimate that there were 10 to 15 people plus the Police in the general area of Thomas Street/Woodhouse Street/Market Street area. There were only about 5/7 Police on the ground at this stage. I walked on down the left hand side of the street to about Thorntons and I then crossed over diagonally towards the junction with Thomas Street. I don't know where my two mates went, I never saw them again that morning. There was also a group of 15 to 20 people, youths and girls, up near the big Church. I crossed the road as far as the island up the middle of the town, about 10 yards up from the junction of Thomas Street and I could see 2 males lying on the main street, about 2 or 3 yards apart. There were 3 - 4 women standing over these men. The Police had a line across the main street from Thomas Street to Woodhouse Street and there was a Police landrover parked on the main street near Woodhouse Street. The area around the 2 men lying on the ground was clear except for the women. I did not see anyone kick, punch or hit any of these 2 injured men as they lay on the ground. I did not kick or strike any of these 2 injured men, the closest that I would have been to either of them was about 10 yards away. I did see scuffles/punches on the other half of the main street in the vicinity of Woodhouse Street. From time to time people broke through the Police line and fought with someone on the other side. Ones from both the 2 factions

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did this on a number of occasions. I would estimate that there were about 5 - 8 on the Protestant side involved in this fighting and about the same on the Catholic side. There were about another 30 - 40 Protestants standing just watching between the Police line and the big Church. I was then approached by a Policeman, I don't know his name. He asked me to help move some of the people back up towards the Church out of the way. I pulled a few people back. This Policeman was mid 40s, 5'10", stocky build, gingerish/greyish hair, moustache, I just knew from seeing him in the town. More Police then arrived on the scene and Police got control of the situation and the crowds were ushered up the town past the big Church. The ambulances came before the Police moved the crowd further up the street. The ambulance crews treated the injured men for some time before taking both men away. I stayed up the town for another 15 minutes or so and I then walked down through the town centre and walked out to my uncle's house in

[REDACTED]. My uncle was lying on the couch when I arrived at his home. I told my uncle what had happened. His name is Thomas Hanvey.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was wearing my black CAT zipped up jacket, dark blue Levi jeans and a pair of white and black ASICS trainers. I did not recognise anyone from either group in the town centre during this incident. I was not drunk, I had only drunk the 2 pints and 4 or 5 cans in about 6 hours.

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