

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF CAROLANN WOODS

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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 16 day of May 1997

R HARKNESS

C WOODS

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am the above named and my address is known to Police. On Sunday 27th April 1997 I was in my first floor flat in Portadown with my boyfriend David Jones. My flat [REDACTED] the Thomas Street area and from the living room window I can see right out into Market Street. At approximately 2 00 am David and I heard shouting and the sound of people running in the street below. We both went to the window. David got there first. I could see a crowd of about five people standing in Thomas Street just about Eastwoods shop. There were two women in this group of five people and three grown men who I'd put in their early thirties. There was another group people consisting of about seven people who were mostly male standing in Market Street just opposite Thomas Street, Portadown. There was no shouting between these two groups and I got the impression that the group on Market Street and the group in Thomas Street were friends. I did not recognise any of the people in either of these groups. All of a sudden David turned to me and said to me, "Is that your David there?" I looked down and saw my younger brother David standing a few feet away from my front door. David my boyfriend said to me that someone had hit David. I immediately went downstairs to the front door. I called to David and

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told him to come in. He did so and we went back upstairs to the flat where I got my brother a glass of water. My brother was drunk and had been hit in the face as I could see marking on his face. I cannot remember exactly which side of the face. After a few minutes I went back over to the window. I looked out and could see two men in the road at Market Street. They were both on the Thomas Street side of the central reservation. One of the men was sitting up, the other man was lying on his back and there was a woman with him who was screaming. I saw a policeman approach the man who was lying on his back with the woman. The woman was screaming abuse at the policeman but I cannot remember what exactly she said. The ambulance arrived and I came away from the window. My brother stayed in our flat for he was still there when David and I went to bed at about 3 00 am. He was lying on the sofa. When we got up the next morning at 11 30 am my brother had gone. I cannot describe the five people who I saw in Thomas Street before my brother got hit except one was wearing a black leather jacket. The only other thing is that one of the women had dark curly hair. The man in the black jacket was the same man I saw later lying in Market Street when he appeared unconscious and I cannot be sure if the woman with him at that time is the one I'd seen earlier in Thomas Street. Although it was quite dark there is still reasonable light from street lighting. I only saw the start of what happened and cannot say who all was involved in fighting as I didn't see it because I was looking after my brother.

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