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I declare that this statement consisting of 3 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 27 day of April 1997

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by whom statement was recorded or received

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I am a Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently attached to Portadown RUC Station. On Sunday 27 April 1997 I was detailed observer with Constable Orr, driver. At approximately 0147 hours this date I overheard a radio transmission from JD81, Con Cornett requesting assistance in Portadown town centre reference a disturbance ongoing. At 0155 hours whilst driving past Thornton's Confectionery Shop I observed a male youth to my left, this youth was of slim build, approximately 5'9" in height, wearing white trainers, white jeans, a white sweat shirt with grey stripes on the sleeves. He also wore a white peaked cap and had a red, white and blue scarf wrapped round his face. Upon observing this youth I noticed that he was carrying a bottle upside down and running towards a crowd that was at the junction of Thomas Street. Constable Orr stopped the car alongside this youth and as I alighted from the vehicle, he pulled the scarf from his face and ran in the direction of Church Street. I now know this male to be Wayne Lunt, DOB [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At this time I observed two male persons lying in the vicinity of Market Street at the junction of Thomas Street. I also observed forty to fifty persons involved in confrontation with each

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other and other Police personnel. I returned to the crowd to assist in the disturbance, at this time I turned and saw Lunt, once again behind me, he turned to run again so I took hold of his arm. At this time he began kicking out with his feet, striking me once on the left shin and once on the left ankle. At 0157 I placed Lunt in the rear of a Police landrover to ascertain his name and address. This was done as Lunt was continually trying to pull away from me and some members of the crowd were also trying to pull him back into the crowd. Lunt left the landrover at approximately 0205 hours to be spoken to at a later date. At this time I returned to other police members who were trying to clear the road. I observed persons whom I know to be Stacey Brigett of Donard Walk. Brigett was wearing a cream shirt with a fine brown stripe over white jeans. He had blood coming from his nose. I also observed [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], he was wearing a multi coloured check shirt tucked into blue denim jeans and a black jacket with black shoes. Dean Forbes of [REDACTED] was also in the crowd, he was wearing a light coloured check shirt over cream coloured trousers. The crowd was pushed back behind the West Street barrier where they remained for a length of time. At 0727 myself and Constable Orr taped off the area where the two males had been lying prior to the ambulance arrival. We also taped off the junctions of Woodhouse Street and Thomas Street. I opened a serious crime log and at 0813 closed it again when [REDACTED] took over the duty of log keeper. With regard to Lunt, his name and address was obtained and confirmed and was allowed to leave the Police landrover as it was not practical to arrest him at that time.

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