

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOHN ADAMS

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I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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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J ADAMS
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by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary at present stationed at Portadown. On 27 April 1997 I was on mobile patrol accompanied by R/Con Silcock. At around 1 47 am I overheard a radio transmission from another patrol requesting assistance in the town centre. On hearing this we made our way to this location, arriving within minutes from the Edenderry area. On entering the town centre from Edward Street I observed a crowd of around 30 persons, both male and female, in the area of Thomas Street, where it joins Market Street and High Street. On approaching this point I further observed that the Police at the scene were attempting to keep rival persons apart and also noted that two persons were lying on the roadway at the junction of Thomas Street, these persons were being attended to by other members of the crowd. When I dismounted from the vehicle I took up a position near to the junction of Woodhouse Street in order to control a number of persons who were attempting to get at rival persons in the town centre. I didn't know any of these persons who were also joined by another person, who also attempted to get them into Woodhouse St. This man was around 40 yrs, stout build. While I was in this area I was aware that other Police had arrived. I also noted a woman with black

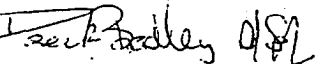
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hair and of short build, wearing a white blouse, she was shouting about a friend of hers being injured but I had no conversation with her. I then left the area for a short time to return to the Police Station. When I returned again I saw that an ambulance had arrived and the main crowd had moved slightly back towards Church St but spread across the town centre. I then assisted to move these persons back up the town centre towards West Street. While doing so I noted a person who I know as Rory Robinson to be among this crowd and that he was attempting to get back down into the town centre again. I was aware that he lived at the other end of the town, therefore I allowed him to walk back towards the junction and I escorted him down past it and into High Street.

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J ADAMS

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

 Peter Redley 18/2