

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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AGE OF WITNESS [If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : OVER 21

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

DERECK BRADLEY
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

GORDON COOKE
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I am a Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently stationed at Portadown in County Armagh. On Sunday 27 April 1997 I was on mobile patrol and in uniform. I was accompanied by Reserve Constables Warnock and Murphy. At 1 47 am on this date, I heard Police call sign Juliet Delta 81 call for urgent assistance at Portadown town centre. I made my way to the scene, arriving about 3 to 4 minutes later. In Market Street I saw 2 persons lying on the left hand carriageway near the junction with Thomas Street and a crowd of approximately 30 - 40 people about 10 feet in front of them with several Police Officers in between them trying to hold the crowd back. A Police landrover was parked across the road at the entrance to Woodhouse Street. Two females and a male were close to the injured persons. They were quite hysterical and were shouting and screaming towards the crowd and were shouting for an ambulance to be called. There was broken glass lying around where the injured persons were lying and around the Police landrover. Persons in the crowd were shouting and jeering towards Police and the injured persons and members of the crowd were constantly trying to push past Police to try and get towards the injured persons. The two males lying on the road seemed to be

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unconscious and both had blood around their faces. Other Police also arrived at the scene around this time. I approached the crowd along with other Police and started to move them back towards West Street. I recognised the following persons at the front of the crowd, Stacey Bridget from [REDACTED], Portadown. His nose was bleeding. P53 [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. He was wearing a multi coloured checked shirt. Rory Robinson of [REDACTED] Portadown, was wearing a yellow coloured shirt with a fine check through it and beige coloured trousers. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Portadown, was wearing a black leather jacket and blue denim trousers. On several occasions while we were holding this crowd back and trying to move them towards West Street, I spoke to Robinson and [REDACTED] and asked them to move up the street. Both refused to move and each of them tried to push past myself and other Police on several occasions. I also recognised the following persons among the crowd, Timothy Jameson and P51 [REDACTED]. P51 [REDACTED] was wearing a navy jacket and blue denims. I also saw a male person in the crowd wearing a grey Umbro sweatshirt, fawn trousers and black and white trainers, a female with long dark curly hair, wearing a black jacket and black trousers and a girl, wearing a grey Adidas top and purple denims. I later spoke to these persons in [REDACTED] at 5 50 am and identified them as Kenneth Milligan, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Portadown, Lisa Hobson, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Portadown and Noelle Moore, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Portadown, respectively. An ambulance subsequently arrived and attended to the injured persons while we continued to hold and push the crowd back. After about 30

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minutes we had managed to move the crowd up to the West Street barrier. They made their way along Atkinson Avenue and hung around there. We remained here with other Police until the crowd had dispersed.

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Frank Bradley