

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF DAVID ALLAN ORR

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

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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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

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by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently stationed at Portadown. On Sunday 27 April 1997 at 1 47 am I overheard a radio transmission from JD81 requesting assistance in Portadown Town Centre re a serious disturbance. At this time I was accompanied by A

A I drove my vehicle to the town centre via Edward Street and left onto High Street. When I turned into High Street I could see a large crowd of people at the junctions of Thomas Street\Market Street. There were several Police Vehicles on the street and Police Officers were on the ground trying to hold parts of the crowd back. I parked my car and dismounted. I assisted trying to move, who appeared to be a Loyalist crowd back towards Church Street, away from the junction of Thomas Street. As I was doing this I noticed two persons lying on the main road close to the Thomas Street Junction, there were females assisting them. The crowd at this time was made up mostly of young men and a few women. It numbered about 50 strong. This crowd kept shouting at the opposing faction which was to my rear and rushed Police lines towards them. I instructed Reserve Constable Warnock to return to Portadown RUC Station and get a riot gun. Ambulances arrived at the scene and removed the injured men. Inspector McCrum

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arrived and instructed us to move the Loyalist crowd towards West Street. This was done and the area became quiet. At approximately 5 30 am I instructed the town street cleaner to avoid the junction of Market Street, Thomas Street and Woodhouse Street. At 7 25 am I returned to the scene of the disturbance with A [REDACTED] and taped off an area of Market Street at the junctions of Woodhouse Street and Thomas Street. I remained there until 8 15 am when I was relieved by other Police.

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