

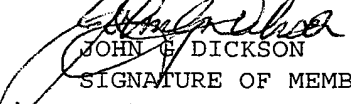
STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF DERECK BRADLEY

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001

  
JOHN E. DICKSON  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER  
by whom statement was recorded or received

  
DERECK BRADLEY  
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On 20 September 2000 I was a Detective Sergeant of the Royal Ulster Constabulary attached to South Region CID. On that date I had an interview with K when I stated the following. I finished duty at 5 pm on Wednesday 23 April 1997 and returned to duty at 9 am on Monday 28 April 1997. On return to duty I was informed that 3 matters were under investigation as a result of incidents occurring over the weekend 26-28th April 1997 (1) Serious Assault on Robert Hamill, (2) Serious Assault in Banbridge and (3) Plastic Bullet Incident in Lurgan. Detective Inspector Irwin went to Banbridge to oversee that investigation. P39  
P39 took charge of further investigations ongoing re the assault upon Robert Hamill. I was briefed that morning by P39  
P39 and I was directed to speak to the four members of the landrover crew to establish if they could give any further information regarding the incident and to identify any persons who were involved in it. It was mentioned that these officers' actions were under investigation but it was necessary to establish if they could identify any of those involved in the assault upon Robert Hamill. As I was not involved in the initial stages of the investigation, I

  
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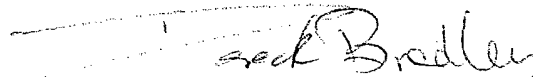
went to the area of the assault to familiarise myself with the crime scene. I returned to the station and at approximately 1 30 pm (Monday 28/04/97) I saw Constable Neill, P40, Reserve Constable Cornett and Reserve Constable Atkinson all together in Detective Inspector Irwin's office. No-one else was present at this de-briefing. I believe they all had possession of their statements and I spoke to P40 and Cornett first. At some point, I recall Reserve Constable Atkinson telling me that he had not completed his written statement and he left the room to go into the CID office opposite to finish his statement. I spoke to Reserve Constables Cornett and P40 who read over their statements and could offer nothing further to what they had written in their statements. They could give no further names of persons who may have been involved. To the best of my recollection, P40 and Cornett left at this time. I then spoke to Constable Neill who could offer no further information beyond that contained in his statement. Constable Neill left at this time and I called Reserve Constable Atkinson back in from the CID office. Reserve Constable Atkinson handed me his statement and I examined the content of the statement with him. I recall pointing out to Reserve Constable Atkinson that he had only identified 2 persons, Rory Robinson and Wayne Lunt. I pointed out to Reserve Constable Atkinson that he had served in Portadown for many years and lived locally and that he was bound to be able to identify more persons who were possibly involved. As a result of that being put to him, Reserve Constable Atkinson then gave me 2 further pieces of information which I recorded

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contemporaneously onto 2 message forms. I wrote Reserve Constable Atkinson's information directly onto message forms which were in a block in front of me at that time and in Reserve Constable Atkinson's presence. This information was recorded before Reserve Constable Atkinson left the office. In relation to message one, I recall that Reserve Constable Atkinson said that he had seen this and had not come through a third party source. The only information given by Reserve Constable Atkinson at that time was that as contained in message one and message 2 and recorded in the Reserve Constable's presence. At no time was the name Allister Hanvey mentioned to me. At that time I had never heard of the name Allister Hanvey and did not personally know a Allister Hanvey or any of the persons named by Reserve Constable Atkinson in message 1 or message 2. No other notes were recorded. Message 1 and message 2 are the original notes recorded at the time in Reserve Constable Atkinson's presence. I had no further conversation with Reserve Constable Atkinson concerning the investigation. I cannot recall whether Reserve Constable Atkinson attended any conferences during the initial stages of the investigation. I first became aware of Allister Hanvey when I was given an action to interview him. I recall interviewing Hanvey and recording a witness statement from him. This was about 10 days into the enquiry. Hanvey became a suspect after this when information was provided by a witness. P39


P39 took charge of this particular aspect of the investigation concerning the information given by this witness. On 22 September 2000 I spoke again to K to clarify a number of points. I am not sure whether the 4 officers



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brought their statements with them or whether they collected them from the CID office before coming into the Detective Inspector's office. I do not recall seeing their statements in the CID office but I can recall being told that they had been prepared the day before (Sunday - I was off duty). I did not know what Reserve Constable Atkinson had to add to his statement to complete it. I think it may have been a couple of lines which he wanted to add about the ambulance. Reserve Constable Atkinson did not mention to me that Stacey Bridgett had a cut to his mouth or face. I recorded exactly what Reserve Constable Atkinson told me at the time. I do not recall Reserve Constable Atkinson mentioning anything about specific injuries to Bridgett.

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