

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JILL RITCHIE

AGE OF WITNESS[If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : UNDER 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 13 day of May 1997

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER
by whom statement was recorded or received

JILL RITCHIE ██████████
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I reside at an address which is known to the Police Officer recording this statement. At sometime between 11 00 pm and 11 15 pm on Saturday 26th of April 1997 I left my home address in a Call a Cab taxi to go to the Coach Inn in Banbridge. I was accompanied by Lois Wright a friend of mine. We arrived at the Coach Inn, Banbridge at approximately 11 30 pm and we paid our entrance fee and went inside. Whilst socialising at the Coach Inn I saw the following persons from the Portadown area, Sarah McCartney, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ and my brother Neil. When the Coach Inn closed, I with Lois Wright, ██████████ and ██████████, made our way to the Esso garage, Lurgan Road, Banbridge where we met up with ██████████ father. He gave all of us a lift home, calling at ██████████ first, where he dropped off ██████████. He then drove onto Portadown and dropped off Lois Wright and myself at the barriers beside Z Cabs. Lois and I went to Boss Hoggs to get some food. On leaving Boss Hoggs I bumped into Steven Bloomer and Timothy Jameson. We just exchanged hellos and they entered as we were leaving. Outside the premises I was approached by my brother Neil and he told me that he was going to stay in Ann Bowles flat. I

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acknowledged this and he and I separated and I then saw him talking on his own to P46 . That was the last time I saw my brother Neil. I along with Lois began to make our way to my home address and as we passed the Ulster Bank I saw Ann and Alison Bowles along with possibly a third person sitting on the step of the Ulster Bank. I think they were eating food. I arrived home with Lois at about 2 00 am to 2 10 am on Sunday the 27th of April 1997. At approximately 1 05 pm on Thursday 8th of May 1997 I was at Portadown College when I was approached by another student namely Linda Boyle. She was alone when she approached me and she appeared visibly upset. I knew Linda Boyle was the girlfriend of Dean Forbes. She asked me if she could have a word with me and I said yes. Both of us moved away to the side of the corridor and she said, "Dean is in a lot of trouble with this thing that has happened." She then said, "Did you see him that night because he seen you." I then said, "Where." She said, "Apparently up the town." I replied, "No I didn't see him." She then said, "Do you know what he was wearing," and before I could answer her, she went on to say that he was wearing a cream Ralph Lauren shirt with black jeans. I said to her, "No I didn't see him," and that was the end of the conversation.

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED :

David Bradley J/S