

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JOHN MARK CURRIE

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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 14 day of May 1997

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

MARK CURRIE
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On Saturday 26th April 1997 I been down at the Rugby Club in Portadown and left there on my own to walk home at about one or a quarter past one on Sunday morning 27th April 1997. I stopped to get a take away in the Chinese at Goban Street then walked on up Bridge Street in the direction of the town centre. About Bridge Street a traffic police car came racing along with its sirens going and its blue flashing lights. It turned into Meadow Lane. I walked on towards the town and saw a taxi outside Z Cabs. I went to go over to it to get a lift home but it moved off before I got to it. So I walked on. Just as I got to about the top of the slight hill at Wellworths I could see people standing about and the police car which was on the Thomas Street side of High Street and a police landrover which was on the Woodhouse Street side. As I got closer then I could see two men lying on the ground I think there was a couple of women with them and another man. There were about ten people standing about. There were also some police. I saw some people I recognised to see but don't know their names. About ten minutes later or so the ambulance arrived and the police started to move the people back. They moved the crowd up past St Mark's Church. Everyone was ushered up past the Magowan Buildings. When I

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arrived at the incident the two men were lying in the middle of the road at the Thomas Street Market Street junction. I stopped and stood about at the doorway to Dorothy Perkins or thereabouts. There were one or two sectarian shouts or remarks. I think one of the girls who was with one of the injured men said, "What have you got against us Catholics," or something similar. Somebody replied, "Fuck off you fenian bastards," or again something like that. There wasn't much shouting. I didn't see anybody kick at the men as they lay on the ground nor did I see any fighting at all when the police started to move everybody on. I said to different ones who were standing about to move on or get on home so they wouldn't be arrested for not moving on.

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MARK CURRIE

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