

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JONATHAN SAMUEL JAMES WRIGHT

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 15 day of May 1997

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

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Further to my statement dated 11 May, 1997 I did not give the full facts in relation to an incident which occurred in Portadown town centre in the early hours of Sunday 27th April, 1997. The content of my first statement is correct up to where we got to the Church in the centre of the town. When Marc Hobson and I walked down the town and got to the front of the Church where the Christmas tree was, we walked a few yards further down the street, we walked down the centre of the street. I could see a fight further down the town, in the middle of the street between Thomas Street and Woodhouse Street. I was about thirty yards from the fight. There were about twenty to thirty people in the middle of the street. I saw a person standing behind the crowd in the middle of the street, this man was wearing a blue shirt and striped tie, he was wearing dark trousers which appeared smart. This man was shouting towards the crowd of Protestants to come on. There was fighting going on in the crowd he was shouting at. I would say he was approximately twenty five years old, and had very short hair, about number two cut. Marc then left me and ran down into the crowd, fighting in the middle of the road. I stood there I would have been standing at the edge of the flower beds facing the Abbey National. I

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could see Marc being pushed about by the crowd. I saw him lift his hand and reach out for somebody. I didn't see him hit anybody. There was a lot of shouting people shouting, "Fenian bastards," and fenian cunts. There was 2 or 3 from the Catholic crowd shouting to, they were trading insults, calling the Protestants, "Orange bastards." The fighting lasted about five to ten minutes. I saw Rory Robinson in the middle of the crowd, he was running around like a headless chicken. I saw Stacey Bridgett trading punches with one person. They were fighting a wee bit to the left of the main fight more towards the Alliance & Leicester Building Society. I saw a boy lying on the street at the mouth of Thomas Street, he was lying on his chest and wasn't moving. This fellow was wearing dark clothes. I saw a police landrover parked on the main street at the Halifax. There were about five to six policemen trying to break the fight up. I saw people trying to push police away from the main fracas. The mood of the crowd was violent towards the police. I heard bottles being smashed. The police got the crowd under control and the crowd started leaving. Marc came back out of the crowd and I told him to come on. We walked up the town centre to the Church and I then parted from him and walked home. I made this statement because not telling the full facts the first time has been praying on my conscience.

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED

