

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JONATHAN SAMUEL JAMES WRIGHT

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I declare that this statement consisting of 5 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 11 day of May 1997

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

JONATHAN WRIGHT
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

On Saturday night 26th April, 1997 I left home at approximately 6 30 pm and went to the off sales in West Street, Portadown. I purchased a bottle of Old English cider. I then walked to [REDACTED] to Marc Hobson's house. Marc is a mate of mine and I had arranged to meet him. I arrived at Marc's house at approximately 6 50 pm. I didn't go in and Marc came out to me. We both then walked down town to the pleasure gardens. We arrived at the pleasure gardens at about 7 10 pm. I stayed in the pleasure gardens and Marc left to get a carry-out from Garry's bar. Marc came back about five minutes later with his carry-out. I think he had six tins of beer. We sat drinking in the pleasure gardens opposite the Regal. Gregory Blevins and Philip Leckey joined us. We all stayed there to approximately 10 o'clock. As we were leaving Allister Hanvey came down and asked us where we were going. I know Allister Hanvey from school and I hang about with him some times. We told Allister that we were going to a friend's flat and he decided to join us. We all walked up the town centre and Philip Leckey and Gregory Blevins left us at the shops near the Loughgall roundabout. Allister Hanvey, Marc Hobson and I walked onto [REDACTED] We went into this flat belonging to Dean

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Johnston. I am not sure of the number. I know Dean Johnston, I got to know him through Marc. Dean was there with his girlfriend Leanne. We sat drinking and watched TV. I have been at Dean's flat before 3 to 4 times at weekends. We stayed there to approximately 1 30 am and then Allister and Marc and I left and started walking towards the town. We wanted to get something to eat. We walked to the Chinese in West Street. We all went in and got something to eat. I got a fried rice with curry sauce, Marc got chips and gravy. I can't remember what Allister got. We all left the Chinese about 1 40 am and continued to walk towards the town centre. We just wanted to eat our meal at the summer seats at the front of the big Church in the centre of the town. On the way down we stopped to talk to an old fellow at the fruit shop, I think it is called, [REDACTED], its in West Street, beside Call a Cab. This old fellow was drunk, I know him to see but I don't know his name. He would be about 60 years old. This old fellow asked me for a cigarette and I give him one. I talked to this old fellow for about five minutes, he was hard to make out. Allister walked on a few yards further down the street towards the town centre and stopped at the dry cleaners. Allister then started to walk on towards the town centre and shouted something like, "Follow me down". I stood on for another couple of minutes talking to the old drunk along with Marc. The drunk then left us and walked towards the foot bridge. I started to walk towards the town centre along with Marc. We walked down past Magowan Buildings on the right hand side of the street. I didn't meet anybody I knew. We got to the big Church in the centre of the town and I stood on a round wall in front of the

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Church, where the Christmas tree used to be. Marc was beside me. I could see alot of people being pushed towards us by the police. There would be about twenty in the crowd. They were shouting at the police and pointing their fingers at them. I seen police but I couldn't say how many police there were. I couldn't hear what the crowd was shouting. I stood looking around for Allister but couldn't see him. I didn't see anybody fighting. I saw two ambulances and they were carrying somebody on a stretcher into the ambulance. The police were in a row pushing the crowd up the street towards us. I saw Stacey Bridgett walk up the left hand side of the street, he was about the First Trust bank, Stacey was walking with somebody but I don't know who it was. Marc and I decided to go home this would be about five past two, the police had the crowd under control then. I walked up the left hand side of the Church and Marc walked up the right hand side of the Church. I didn't get involved in any fighting and I didn't see anybody fighting, only the crowd being pushed up the street. I was wearing light blue jeans, brown walking boots, green bomber jacket and light blue tee shirt, round neck type. The word 'Kangol' is printed on the front of the tee shirt. Marc was wearing blue jeans, white trainers, blue sweater. I can't remember if he was wearing a jacket. Allister was wearing light blue jeans, track suit top, grey colour, with a zip up the front of it. The top had orange stripes on both arms which went down to the elbows. On Saturday night in question I would have drank a bottle of Old English cider and a few tins of beer. I think I threw my cider bottle into the grass at the [REDACTED] roundabout when we were walking up to Dean's house. I

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went straight home after leaving Marc. My da was sitting in the living room and I told him what I had seen down town.

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JONATHAN WRIGHT

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