

[REDACTED]

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: LINDA JANE BOYLE  
*Name*

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "Over 21"): 17

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997

J R HARKNESS

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received

LINDA BOYLE

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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am the above named and my address is known Police recording this statement. On 6th April 1996 I started going out with Dean Forbes, [REDACTED] I met Dean through friends and the relationship became fairly steady as time progressed. On 27th April 1997, I was at my home and did not go out or see Dean that evening. I may have been out with my friends for a short time but I cannot remember. On Sunday 28th April 1997, I was at home when I heard on the radio that there had been a disturbance of some sort in Portadown. I would have seen Dean the following Friday or Saturday night but I do not recall if we discussed the events of the previous weekend. On Tuesday 6th May 1997, Dean was arrested. I learned he'd been arrested as a result of Dean telephoning me. I went to Dean's house and he told me he'd been arrested for being involved in the disturbance in the town on 27/28 April 1997. I cannot remember exactly what he said, but what I do recall is that he said he'd still been in bed when Police came to arrest him. The Police had taken his clothes and that he and Stacey Bridgett had whistled to each other whilst in the cells. Dean asked me if I would go into school and speak to Jill Ritchie. I was to ask Jill if she'd seen Dean. I was told to tell Jill what

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clothing Dean had been wearing on the night of the incident but I cannot recall the particular items of clothing he mentioned now. He didn't ask me to say anything else. I remember speaking to Jill at Portadown College. I asked her if she'd seen Dean on the night of the incident. Jill said she hadn't seen Dean. I think I might have told her what Dean said he'd been wearing but I cannot be sure. I saw Dean again on Friday 9th May 1997, at his home. I went for a walk with Dean to the local shop and I think we watched a video together. We didn't discuss the incident that Dean had been arrested for. On Sunday 11th May 1997, Dean's [REDACTED] telephoned me at home and told me Dean had been arrested and charged with murder. I went to Dean's house and sat for a while with Dean's family. I have not seen Dean since but I have received two letters from him which I have now handed over to Detective Sergeant Harkness.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: LINDA BOYLE

CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED:

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