

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PAULINE NEWELL

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Dated this 20 day of May 1997

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

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On Saturday night 26th April 1997 I got the 9 pm bus from Portadown to the Coach Disco in Banbridge. I was with my sister Tracy and friend Kelly Lavery. We'd all a fair amount to drink that evening and we got the bus back to Portadown from Banbridge at about a quarter past one on Sunday morning 27th April 1997. We arrived into Portadown and the bus dropped us off at Z Cabs at the bottom of the town. Tracy, Kelly and I walked up the town but I wanted something to eat so I stopped at Boss Hoggs. While Tracy and Kelly walked on. I was going in through the door of Boss Hoggs, I looked up the street towards the Church and saw Rory Robinson, Davy Woods and 1 fellow I know as Fonzy walking up the street towards Thomas Street. They'd been on the bus home from the Coach. I got a super chip in Boss Hoggs and came out intending to catch up on Tracy and Kelly. There were still quite a few who'd been on the bus home standing about in the general area of Boss Hoggs, Wellworths. I crossed over the street and walked up toward the Church to meet Tracy and Kelly. I saw a Police landrover at the top of Woodhouse Street and as I crossed the Woodhouse Street junction I glanced down it and saw an elderly man on his own walking in the direction of the Tunnel. I also saw Dean Forbes and Stacey at the

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Police Landrover. They were standing at the front passenger door of the landrover which was open apparently talking to the police inside it. I remember too that as I passed the landrover I heard bickering from the other side of the street. It was like talking but louder I don't know what was being said I just walked on and paid it no real attention. As I passed the hoarding where they're renovating an old restaurant (The Manella) I met P51 and Lisa Hobson. They were sort of stopped in the middle of the road. I said hello and walked on. I also saw Vicky Clayton and Jennifer O'Neill standing in front of the Church. I waved over at them. Around the Magowan Buildings in West Street I met up with Tracy and Kelly again. We walked on home to Tracy's house together. There were both people in front and behind us but I can't recall who. When we got to Tracy's there was just the three of us. Tracy and Kelly went up to bed. Tracy got sick in the bathroom. We'd been in the house a short time when I answered a knock at the door, it was Andrew Osborne and Judith Holland. I let them in. I talked to Judith and Andrew fell asleep. I left them downstairs and went up to bed. This must have been about a quarter past two or so. I slept and woke sometime around 5 am. I got up to get a drink of water and came downstairs to get one. In the living room I saw a number of people. I don't know who'd let them in but remember seeing Allister Hanvey, P46 Fonzy, Chris Henderson and Dean Forbes. I think Dean had only arrived. I got my drink and went back up to bed. I don't know what time everybody else left but Kelly said in the morning that she'd thrown them out for painting her face with make up. I didn't hear any talk about any row or fight in the town

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that night. I learned about it from the news the next day. I have since heard in general rumour around the town that the fight was started by the ones coming down Thomas Street. They hit wee Davy Woods and then others joined in to come to his rescue.

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