

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM HENRY WILFRED BURROWS

AGE OF WITNESS[If over 21 enter 'over 21'] : OVER 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 28 day of May 1997

DERECK BRADLEY  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

W H W BURROWS  
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I am a part-time Reserve Constable presently attached to Portadown RUC Station. On Saturday evening the 26th April 1997, at 11 45 pm, I paraded for duty at Portadown RUC Station and I was detailed for duty by Sergeant P89. I was detailed to perform security duty outside Portadown Police Station. During my duty, I checked several vehicles, in and out of the town. About 1 45 am or thereabouts, two police vehicles approached the security barrier at the station, at a fast speed, with their sirens sounding. I allowed both vehicles into the town centre without stopping them. I did not know where they were going to. At this stage I did not know or could not hear any noise coming from the town centre. Some time later, I cannot say how long after the police vehicles, an ambulance approached the barrier with its siren on and it was allowed to proceed into the town centre, without being checked. About 2 am I was walking from the security sanger at the barrier, towards the security hut at the corner of the station, when I met Sergeant P89 and Inspector McCrum. Sergeant P89 asked me to accompany them into the town centre. The 3 of us, had reached the town hall, when a police car came up the street towards us at a fast speed. It stopped and Sergeant P89 spoke to

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Reserve Constable Warnock. Sergeant P89 then returned to the police station with R/Constable Warnock and Constable Adams. I walked back towards the sanger and I again met Sergeant P89 as he came out of the station, accompanied by R/Constable Warnock. Constable Adams then told me to get into the car, along with Reserve Constable Warnock. Sergeant P89 and Inspector McCrum walked into the town centre. Constable Adams drove into High St and parked the car in the middle of the road, somewhere in the vicinity of the TV rental shop. I got out of the car and I took possession of an MP5 gun. I took up a cover position in the vicinity of Ronnie's pub in High Street. As I arrived the ambulance left. I did not see anyone in or at the Thomas Street junction. The police seemed to have got the people up the street towards the big Church. I did not get involved in getting the people up the street. I stayed in the vicinity of the police vehicles and looked after them. During the time that I performed this duty, only one couple passed me, and they wanted to know if it was safe to go up Thomas Street. I stayed in this general area until approximately 3 am. Before I left, other police arrived and assisted further up the street. During the time that I was in High Street, I heard people shouting from the vicinity of the Church and the crowd eventually disappeared up West Street. I was not in a position to recognise anyone in this crowd. I later returned to the station and continued to perform security duty at the police station. I later signed the MP5 into the armoury. I stayed on duty at the police station until 8 am.

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