

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF JAMES MURPHY

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 27 day of April 1997

DERECK BRADLEY  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

JAMES MURPHY  
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I am a Full-Time Reserve Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary at present attached to Portadown RUC Station, Co Armagh. On Sunday 27th April 1997, I was on duty in uniform and on mobile patrol accompanied by Con Cooke and R/Constable Warnock. At approx 0145 hrs as a result of a radio transmission we were directed to assist other Police in Portadown town centre ref a disturbance. On our arrival at the High St, Market St, Thomas St junction, I observed a large crowd numbering approx 40 to 50 persons. This crowd consisted mainly of males although there were a few females also present. I also observed two males lying motionless on the street. One male was lying at the entrance to Thomas Street and the second male was lying in Market Street, just up from the Thomas St junction. These two males appeared to be comforted by females whom I presumed had been with them. There was also a lot of broken glass on the street. I was assisting other Police present to try and keep the Loyalist and Nationalist elements apart. After what seemed a long time an ambulance arrived and after approx 15 minutes the ambulance conveyed both the injured males to hospital. During this time there were quite a number of smaller fights taking place all around us. During the trouble I observed Con A

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take a youth from the crowd to the landrover. This youth I now know to be Wayne Lunt and I believe he is from the [REDACTED] of the town. Lunt had a red, white and blue scarf but I cannot remember what other clothes he was wearing. I went to the rear of the landrover and remained with Lunt while Con A [REDACTED] spoke with other Police. I also observed another male in the Loyalist crowd, this male was trying to calm the situation and trying to get the Loyalists to leave the area. I knew this male to be Donald Blevins of [REDACTED]. He was wearing an orange shirt. Blevins was not actively involved in any trouble, he was actually trying to defuse the situation. During the trouble I had drawn my baton but did not use it. Another male from the Nationalist side run at the Loyalists a number of times and each time he had to be pushed back towards the top of Woodhouse St. This person had short dark hair and was wearing a blue shirt. I did not know this person. Eventually the Loyalist crowd was pushed up the street to the top of West Street away from the area of the earlier trouble.

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED

: Dick Bradley d/ST