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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

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I am a Full-Time Reserve Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary at present attached to Portadown RUC Station, Edward Street, Co Armagh. On Sunday 27 April 1997 I was in uniform and accompanied by Constables Neill, Cornett and Atkinson in a landrover on public order duties in Portadown town centre. At approximately 0143 hours we were stopped at the junction of Woodhouse St, Market St with the front of the landrover pointing in the direction of the Halifax Building Society. At this time we were talking to two male youths, one of whom I know as 'Stacey'. A short time later a man who was approximately 35 - 40 years old and wearing a navy shirt and dark coloured trousers informed R/Constable Cornett that his mates were coming from St Pat's Hall towards the town centre. At this time I noted a crowd of approx 25 persons walking from the direction of Wellworths shop in the direction of Church Street. I heard shouting coming from the direction of Thomas Street and informed Constable Neill. A male person then opened Constable Neill's door and started pulling at his arm and shouting at him. We then got out of the landrover and I noted that there was a crowd of approximately 50 youths and men, there were several fights taking place and several females were screaming and

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shouting. The male who was wearing the navy shirt and dark trousers came over to me and shouted, "What the fuck are you going to do." I tried to get this male into Woodhouse Street for his own safety and to stop further confrontation with the other males. At this time another male who was wearing a white sweatshirt type top came running from the direction of Woodhouse St. I physically stopped this male and moved him back towards Woodhouse St as I knew he came from the Nationalist part of town. I observed two males lying in the middle of the road adjacent to Thomas St. There was a crowd at that side of the street. I made my way across the street to Thomas St and assisted other Police in moving the crowd back. I observed one of the males in the crowd, this male had very short black hair, black moustache and a goatie type beard, he was approx 5'9" tall and was of stocky build. He had a black leather jacket and was wearing blue jeans. This male was been very aggressive and was taunting the Nationalists and had to be physically moved back several times. The ambulance arrived and the Paramedics attended the two injured males. The males were put into the ambulance and taken to hospital. Sergeant P89 and Inspector McCrum gave orders for the crowd to be moved into West Street. The crowd was eventually moved to out of the town centre into Little West Street. Police then formed a cordon at the West Street barrier and eventually the crowd dispersed. Our call sign was stood down at approximately 3.30 am.

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CHECKED AND CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED : *Derek Bradley*

Notes taken down from P40 re incident

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When exactly stopped. Pointing in direction of Halifax. (At giveaway lines pointing slightly into Woodhouse Street).

Position of landrover?

We were talking. Who was talking to Stacey (All talking).

Why were these youths talking. (Friendly)

Shouting from Thomas St. What was being shouted. Why Thomas St.

(Hard to make out)

(Very verbal).

Male opened door and pulled Con Neill and shouted at him.

What was shouted (Don't know).

50 youths and men. Where. (Either side of junction of Thomas St).

Several fights. Where. How many. (At least 4 or 5).

Females screaming. How many. Where. (4) (In area of crowd at junction).

The male who was wearing navy shirt. First mention of a specific male. Where was male. (At corner of Alliance and Leicester; don't know him).

Had got out of landrover at this stage.

Two males lying on road. (Thomas St side).

Crowd at side of street. Where on street.

Assisted other Police. What other Police. (Atkinson/Cooke/Silcock).

Where were other Nationalists. (Behind Police. Junction Thomas St/Woodhouse St).

Male very aggressive. Doing what. Taunting Nationalists. (Hope he fucking dies).

Where were Nationalists. Where. What was taunting. (Hope he fucking dies, pointing finger and saying, hope he fucking dies).

Male moved back where. (Into line of continuous Prods).