

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF DEAN SILCOCK

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 24 day of May 1997

DONALD KEYS
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

DEAN SILCOCK
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Full-Time Reserve Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently station in Portadown County Armagh. On Sunday 27th April 1997 at 0147 hrs I was directed to a street disturbance in Portadown town centre. Upon arrival at the scene I observed two male persons lying on the Church Street bound direction of High Street. I immediately tasked an ambulance. Number one was a male dressed in a shirt and trousers. He was semi-conscious and appeared to have a head injury. Several people were attending this person one of which I now know to be his wife. This man was on his back. I now know this man to be D [REDACTED]. I advised E [REDACTED] to turn D [REDACTED] over. E [REDACTED] and the people with her did so. The second injured male was further up the road towards Saint Mark's Church. This man was wearing a dark jacket. I now know this man to be Robert Hamill. With Robert Hamill was a woman in a white top. I now know this woman to be a cousin of Mr Hamill. Mr Hamill was unconscious and having difficulty breathing. He was being cradled by his cousin who was on her knees on the ground. His head was in an upright position. I requested Mr Hamill's cousin to turn him over. She was in a very distressed state. I assisted Mr Hamill's cousin in doing this.

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Whilst doing this manoeuvre I put my hand up his back and noticed that he was now rasping for breath. He was placed front down and his head was turned to the side. I kicked glass away from his head area. His cousin remained with him. Before, during and after these actions I was pushing people away from the injured men as they appeared to be trying to kick them but were prevented in doing so. With the two injured men party there was a male youth in a grey Umbro sweatshirt. He appeared to be intoxicated and in a very aggressive and irate state. He was verbally abusive to myself and other Police. He was running between the two injured men cursing and interfering verbally with myself. The ambulance arrived and the two injured men were placed into it. I assisted with lifting the stretcher with Robert Hamill on it into the ambulance along with a Paramedic. After the fracas was over Sergeant P89 and myself made our way over to Craigavon Area Hospital. We again met E Robert Hamill's cousin and the youth in the grey Umbro sweatshirt. I asked the two women the injured men's names, address and conditions. Whilst doing this the male youth became aggressive and shouted, "What the fuck are you doing here." He started to walk towards me when Mr Hamill's cousin grabbed him and hit him at the back of his head and told him to clear off which he did. The women gave me the information I requested and both women thanked me. Sergeant P89 and I left the Craigavon Area Hospital. I had no further dealings with these 3 persons.

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