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I declare that this statement consisting of 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 December 2000

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by whom statement was recorded or received

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Further to my previous statement today the 28th of December 2000 I have been asked by P5 if I had any conversation with Robert Atkinson following the serious assault in Portadown town centre on the 27th of April 1997 resulting in the death of Robert Hamill. I can recall when I was assisting Police to remove the large group of people into West Street Reserve Constable Atkinson was on my left side within speaking distance. I think Reserve Constable Silcock would have been assisting as well in our immediate vicinity. There was about forty loyalists at this stage. There was one particular individual who was very hostile. He was very reluctant to move back and had to be physically forced by myself by pushing him back. It was clear to me that this individual was close to assaulting me. I can recall Reserve Constable Atkinson say words to the effect do you know who he is watch him that fellow is an expert or black belt in martial arts. He mentioned the fellows name as Hanvey but I certainly did not know him. I am unable to remember what clothing this man was wearing. I have been shown a copy of a baton report form which was completed by me in respect of Reserve Constable Atkinson. Reserve Constable Atkinson produced his baton to me there was nothing of any

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significance found on the baton although I did note that the leather strap was broken. I note I have recorded Reserve Constable Atkinson struck a male person on the stomach and names the person to me as being Rory Robinson. I wouldn't have recalled this from memory because it is so long ago. I can't recall any other conversations with Reserve Constable Atkinson about the incident or anybody involved in it. I have been asked if I observed Reserve Constable Atkinson having a conversation with Alistair Hanvey, Tracey Clarke or any other persons. I don't know Tracey Clarke and I only know Hanvey when he was identified to me by Reserve Constable Atkinson, however, I didn't see him have any in depth conversations with anybody other than speaking to people in the crowd when we were moving them back. There were females in this crowd. I have a vague recollection of him speaking to one of them who was quite aggressive towards me. All I can say is she was a young woman in her late teens or early twenties. I am unable to describe her.

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