

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF STEVEN JAMES BLOOMER

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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 29 day of May 1997

E WILLIAMSON
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

S BLOOMER
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

On Saturday 26th April 1997 I'd been at the Coach Disco in Banbridge and got the bus back to Portadown from Banbridge at about a quarter past one on Sunday morning 27th April 1997. The bus got in to Portadown at about twenty five or twenty to two in the morning. I got off the bus at Z Cabs and intended going home. I tried to get a taxi at Z Cabs and Eden Cabs but there were none available so I went up to Boss Hoggs to get something to eat. At that stage I'd have been with Timothy Jameson and Kyle Magee. On coming out of Boss Hoggs I walked up through the centre of town intending to try to get a taxi home from Call A Cab. I walked up slightly in front of Timmy and Kyle. At about the traffic lights in the centre of the town I saw a fight start. This was in the middle of the road. I thought it just a normal sort of Saturday night fight and didn't want to get involved so walked on past it. There seemed to be about four or five people involved in the fight. I can't describe any of them. There wasn't anybody lying on the ground just fellas beating the head of each other. I walked on to about the Progressive Building Society where I stopped to talk to a girl Tracy Clarke. I heard shouting, I think women shouting leave him alone. There was a lot of shouting. But I can't really say what it

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was. I also heard sirens, both Police and Ambulance. The Ambulance one at a bit of a distance. I saw then two people lying on the ground. There was Police there starting to move people back. I saw a Policeman with a plastic baton round gun and I didn't want to be anywhere near the place so walked away. I saw Kyle and Timmy over near the church and went over to them and walked out of the town centre towards West Street. I tried to get another taxi from Call A Cab but there was none available there so then went to walk back in the direction of home. I was stopped at about McConvilles Pub in West Street by Police and told I wasn't allowed to go through the town. I meet Ian Carville and Chris Henderson there and we walked then to a house in Brownstown. Ian got separated from us somewhere along the way. The house was one of the new ones in Brownstown. There wasn't really a party there just a gathering. We got there about a quarter to three. I remember seeing P46, Stacey Bridgett, Allister Hanvey and Pauline Newell there. Ian Carville arrived a while after us. I only stayed there fifteen minutes to half an hour then left and went with Ian Carville to Call A Cab and got a taxi from there home. We got to the taxi office at about 3.15 am and I got home about 3.45 am. I didn't hear any talk about the fight at the house in Brownstown other than just a general mention that there was one. I didn't recognise any of those involved in the fight as I passed it.

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