

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF THOMAS GERARD MALLON

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 12 day of May 1997

DONALD KEYS DC
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

TOM MALLON
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I live at an address which is known to the police. On Saturday 26th April 1997 at sometime between 10 pm and 10 30 pm I travelled by taxi to St Patrick's Hall, Thomas Street, Portadown. I was accompanied by [REDACTED] there was one other in the taxi I can't remember who it was. There was a band playing in the hall and I left the hall at around 1 am Sunday 27th April. There were a number of people in the hallway and when I left through the front door there was nobody about. I walked alone along Thomas Street I was walking briskly, during the time I walked along Thomas Street I did not see anybody. When I reached the area near the Legion or Credit Union I could see a police landrover parked on the main street beside the Alliance & Leicester, it was parked in the in shot facing towards the bottom of the town. At the same time as I noticed the police I seen people walking both up and down the town along main street. There was alot of noise about town. When I saw that the police were in the vicinity I decided to walk on. I was intending to cross the main street and go down Woodhouse Street. As I approached the end of Thomas Street the police landrover moved off slowly and it stopped right in the middle of the junction of Woodhouse Street and main street. Just as it moved off I

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waved at them to attract their attention. I crossed to them I don't know whether I went in front of the landrover or not, but the police knew that I had waved at them. A policewoman opened the front passenger's door and I told her that there was likely people to be coming from St Patrick's Hall. As I turned to walk away I was approached by a youth there was a group of maybe 4 or 5 with him. They all looked to be about 18 or 19 years of age. The youth that approached me asked me where I was going. I felt threatened by the whole situation I was apprehensive. I saw that he was carrying a glass bottle of 'Buckfast' in his right hand. I was concerned that I might be hit with the bottle although this youth did not make an attempt to hit me, because I was concerned about the bottle I held my hands out in front of me. I told the youth I was going home and that I didn't want any hassle, I just wanted to get away from them. He said to me stand here a while, I immediately went at that stage. As I was walking away I was aware that a policeman had got out of the landrover. I don't know what the policeman did after that as I walked on down Woodhouse Street. I met no one on the street until I came past the new shopping centre. I spoke to a young lad Colin Hull there was another bloke with him who I know only to see. They were standing on the corner near to Patsy McKeever's pub. I walked on home and got into the house sometime between quarter past one and half past one. When I went to bed I told my wife Kate what had happened and I felt lucky. On that night I was wearing a navy coloured open necked shirt, greyish trousers, black shoes.

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