

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

AGE OF WITNESS [If over 21 enter '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 06 day of May 1997

GEORGE LAWTHER
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

[REDACTED]
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On Friday night the 25 of April 1997 I left my house at [REDACTED] in a private hire bus to go to Killwaughter House Hotel outside Larne. I don't know the name of the private hire bus but it was hired by [REDACTED] from Lurgan, I don't know her address. The bus lifted me at the house and I got on the bus with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and his girl [REDACTED] from Annaghmore. My girlfriend got on the bus at [REDACTED]. Her address is [REDACTED] and she is [REDACTED]. We drove to Larne as the bus had picked up people in Lurgan. There was 18 on the bus. We stayed in Killwaughter House from 9 15 pm and left at 1 15 am. Everybody was on the bus coming home. [REDACTED] got in a fight about 11 45 pm and I got the keys of the bus and went and sat with [REDACTED] in the bus. We sat, that is [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] girlfriend, [REDACTED] sat in the bus. We left at 1 15 am in the bus and headed home. We stopped in Lurgan and let the Lurgan people out and then came to the hospital at Craigavon. We stopped there and I got out and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] got out to sit with [REDACTED] whilst [REDACTED] got attended to for his injuries. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sat in the bus. We sat in the hospital to about

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4 or 4 30 am when the three of us got a taxi home. It was Alf from Call-a-cab who took us and I got off at my house leaving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the taxi. When I got in my house at 4 30 am [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in my house in the living-room. I came in and went straight to the fridge and got a bottle of Buckfast and started drinking. I drank the Buckfast and [REDACTED] drank beer such as Labatts, Ice and Budweiser. He had a whole case of the beer which he bought on Friday teatime at Meadows. The girlfriend drank beer, Heineken. It was in the fridge. She had 4 or 5 at most. She drank them before we went out on the bus and not when she came back in at 4 30 am. Just me and [REDACTED] drank when we come back in at 4 30 am from the hospital. We drank from that to he went to bed at 7 pm at night on Saturday evening. That was about 15 hours drinking. Just me and [REDACTED] drank all that day in the house. We both left the house at 8 am on Saturday morning to go to the Spar for fags. [REDACTED] got Regal King size and I got Regal King size, both 20s packet. They are £3 05 a packet. We came back to the house and sat all day drinking. We listened to music on the Hi-fi. We didn't watch TV although it may have been on with the sound turned off. We didn't watch any videos all day Saturday. We sat drinking to 9 pm on Saturday night when I went to bed. At 7 pm [REDACTED] went to bed as well. My girlfriend arrived at 7 30 pm when her sister brought her over. Her sister is [REDACTED] and brought her in [REDACTED] car. [REDACTED] was in bed when my girlfriend arrived at 7 30 pm. We had no callers all day. My girlfriend arrived at 7 1/2 pm and we sat talking to 9pm when she and I went to bed. Neither she or I spoke to [REDACTED] before or during the time she was in at 9 pm

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when we went to bed. [REDACTED] slept in front room and we went to the back room. The 3 of us slept there to Sunday morning at 11 1/2am. The girlfriend and I got up first and we were downstairs about five minutes when [REDACTED] came downstairs. I heard him awake before the time we got up. We then had something to eat, that's the girlfriend and I and [REDACTED] got up and eat breakfast. We sat in the house watching TV to 2 pm and I went and got my son at [REDACTED] and I brought him here. [REDACTED] was still here when I came back with the son. I was wearing pin-striped trousers on Saturday in the house and a blue casual shirt. Marc was wearing dark navy jeans and a light blue casual shirt on Saturday.

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