

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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I declare that this statement consisting of 2 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 15 day of May 1997

J R HARKNESS  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

by whom statement was recorded or received

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Further to my statement of witness dated the 7 May 1997 I wish to add the following. On Saturday 26 April 1997 I commenced duty at 2330 hours. At 2345 hours I paraded and briefed C Section for the Night division. At approximately 0010 hours on the 27 April 1997 I also briefed 5 members of the late division who were retained for public order duties in Portadown town centre. They were Constable Neill, Reserve Constable Atkinson, Reserve Constable P40 and Reserve Constable Cornett whom I detailed to be together as a landrover crew, call sign Juliet Delta 81. They were detailed to remain in the town centre and to give particular attention to the area of Magowan Buildings and Woodhouse Street. I also detailed Reserve Constable Murphy as extra observer in the district mobile patrol support vehicle call sign Juliet Delta 80. At approximately 0200 hours I was making my way along Edward Street towards the scene of the public disorder in the town centre when Constable Adams and Reserve Constable Warnock came driving up the street at speed. They stopped and informed me that serious public disorder was occurring in the town centre and they requested the issue of a riot gun. Both informed me that a number of civilians had been attacked and assaulted by a large mob who had