

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF GORDON COOKE

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 27 day of April 1997

DERECK BRADLEY  
SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

GORDON COOKE  
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

by whom statement was recorded or received

I am a Constable in the Royal Ulster Constabulary presently stationed at Portadown in County Armagh. On Sunday 27 April 1997 I was on mobile patrol and in uniform. I was accompanied by Reserve Constables Warnock and Murphy. At 1 47 am on this date, I heard Police call sign Juliet Delta 81 call for urgent assistance at Portadown town centre. I made my way to the scene, arriving about 3 to 4 minutes later. In Market Street I saw 2 persons lying on the left hand carriageway near the junction with Thomas Street and a crowd of approximately 30 - 40 people about 10 feet in front of them with several Police Officers in between them trying to hold the crowd back. A Police landrover was parked across the road at the entrance to Woodhouse Street. Two females and a male were close to the injured persons. They were quite hysterical and were shouting and screaming towards the crowd and were shouting for an ambulance to be called. There was broken glass lying around where the injured persons were lying and around the Police landrover. Persons in the crowd were shouting and jeering towards Police and the injured persons and members of the crowd were constantly trying to push past Police to try and get towards the injured persons. The two males lying on the road seemed to be