

4. I was not friendly with Eleanor and Robert Atkinson, but I did know their daughter quite well through Tae Kwon Do. I also knew of Allister Hanvey through the Club although I would not say we were friends.
5. I went to the McKees' house with Rodney on three or four occasions over the course of the friendship, but I do not recall whether we were at their house on the night of 26/27 April 1997. Rodney and I would normally use taxis to go to their house if we were drinking and would always arrive and leave together. I do not recall ever watching a boxing match at the McKees. I did not have independent access to the McKees' house and do not recall ever being in their home without Andrea or Michael being present.
6. I have also been asked about how I came to make the statement, [page 17382] to the police. That statement is signed by me and is dated 13 November 2000. Although I was not aware that I was making a statement I accept what is said in the statement as correct.
7. I recall that I was at Rodney's house when I spoke with police on 13 November 2000. The Police had been at my home earlier and my parents had told them I was at Rodney's. When speaking with the police, I was not informed at any stage that the document I signed was a statement and could be used as evidence.
8. Sometime after speaking with the police, Rodney overheard a conversation in which it was said that he and I had given police a ten-page statement to police naming people who were involved in the fight in the centre of Portadown in the early hours of 27 April 1997. We knew this was not true and were concerned that people were talking about us.
9. Rodney and I then saw our solicitor, [REDACTED] about this and Mr [REDACTED] wrote a letter to the police on our behalf requesting that our statements be withdrawn and destroyed. However, I can confirm that the contents of that statement [page 17382] are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.