

4. At approximately 01.47 on 27 April 1997, Constable A and I received a call for back up in the town centre. Our call sign was Delta seven zero. I cannot remember exactly what was said but it sounded very urgent. The person was shouting and they seemed a bit hyped about what they were saying. The call was for backup in the town centre. Knowing the area from which the call came, I assumed there was some sort of disturbance between rival Loyalist and Nationalist factions in the town centre. Constable A and I responded immediately. We were approximately 4.5 miles away at the time we received the call, and I would estimate it took us about five or ten minutes to get into the scene of the incident. We entered the town centre via Edward Street because the town barriers were closed due to the security situation. From Edward Street we turned left into High Street.
  
5. I am informed Constable A's notebook and witness statement records that, as we entered the town centre, there was a man wearing a red, white and blue scarf who was holding a bottle upside down, running past Thornton's sweet shop. I believe Constable A later identified that man as Wayne Lunt. I do not recall seeing that man but accept that I might have missed it. There were quite a few men dressed in that way around town, and there was a lot going on. I am fairly sure, however, that we did not stop the vehicle until we reached the scene and got out to deal with the situation. When we did stop the car Constable A got out and went to assist the other police officers who were already there. I did not see exactly where Constable A went after that. I also got out and went to assist.
  
6. I parked the car in the area of the central reservation at the junction of Woodhouse Street, Market Street, Thomas Street and High Street. I have marked a map of the town centre, which is at page 73897, with arrows to show the route I took into the town centre and 'D70' to mark the point where I stopped the vehicle. That is an approximation, however, as I cannot remember very clearly. I saw a large crowd of people at the junction and could see aggressive behaviour and skirmishes going on and heard some people shouting. I cannot recall seeing anybody in particular being assaulted.