

7. When we arrived at the scene there were several police vehicles there, possibly two or three, but I cannot remember exactly how many. I think that there were eight or nine police officers at the scene, but I am not sure. I could not say what any one officer in particular was doing. The police were greatly outnumbered by the crowd. I would say that the Loyalists would have outnumbered the Nationalists; there were probably 30 – 35 Loyalists to 15 Nationalists, but I am not 100% sure. The police got used to telling the Nationalists from the Loyalists, and here the Loyalists were shouting "Fenian bastards". We were doing our best to restrain them and keep the two factions apart. It was basically a face off towards the Loyalists, with a few of us also facing the Nationalists to try to keep them from going through as well. It was very difficult given the amount of people moving about. They seemed to be everywhere at once. I would say that both sides were being equally aggressive.

8. At that stage, I was the most senior officer at the scene. This did not seem to be the worst public order incident I had seen but it had the potential to be serious. It would not normally be part of my responsibility, but at that particular time I decided that a riot gun may help to calm the situation and prevent any escalation of the trouble. The mere sight of a riot gun being produced at a disturbance can often stop trouble escalating. I therefore instructed Reserve Constable Warnock to return to the police station and sign out a riot gun because I knew that he was trained to use one. I did not request more riot guns because I did not want to send too many people back to the police station. I probably spoke to other officers at that time, but I do not know what it would have been about. After approximately 10 minutes, I saw Constable Warnock return with the riot gun. He was just holding it in the normal position across his chest. I am not sure whether any of the crowd noticed it or commented on it. In the event, we did not need the gun as the trouble did not escalate.

9. On arrival, I saw two men lying on the ground. They were positioned approximately at the junction of Woodhouse Street, Market Street, Thomas Street and High Street, on the central reservation which divides the two lanes of traffic. There did not appear to be much distance between them. I was probably a matter of a few yards away from the two men at one point, but I did not have