

public order batons and so on. If they happened to be on duty, other police officers would call them in and they would takeover to deal with a crowd disorder. That is what should happen.

4. During my time with the RUC/PSNI I have carried out patrols of the area around Market Street, Thomas Street, High Street and Woodhouse Street. This area was known to be a flashpoint for sectarian incidents involving 2 crowds of opposing religions.
5. On 26 April 1997 I was on duty with Constable Cooke and Reserve Constable Murphy. I cannot recall what my exact briefing was at the start of my duties. I have been referred to my statement dated 27 April 1997, containing pages 06367 to 06368 in which it is recorded that at approximately 1.47am that morning I received a call from another call sign requesting urgent assistance in Portadown town centre. I remember this taking place, but I do not recall precisely what was said during that radio transmission. The person's voice was very high pitched and excited; it was basically screaming, "*Require another call sign*", or words to that effect.
6. After receiving this call, it took Constable Cooke, Constable Murphy and me a couple of minutes to reach the town centre. We probably entered the town centre via Edwards Street. I have been shown a map of Portadown town centre (the "interview map"), and I have indicated with arrows the route we took to enter the town centre. We parked between the junctions of Market Street and Thomas Street, close to the central reservation. I have marked the interview map, page 73917, with an "X" and my call sign to show the position of our vehicle.
7. When I arrived at the scene, I initially noticed a large crowd. At this stage, there were about 30 or 40 people there. The crowd was positioned on the St. Mark's Church side of the Thomas Street / Woodhouse Street junction, but was not fully across the road. I have marked the interview map with some crosses and labelled these with "crowd" to show the position of the people. Apart from the main crowd,