

Cassells and Christopher Smith on the night of 26<sup>th</sup> April 1997. Richard lived in [REDACTED], south of Brownstown. Christopher may also have lived there at that time but I did not know him very well so I cannot be sure.

6. I cannot remember the exact time we got the bus that evening but I would usually get it between 21:00 and 22:00. I think that Richard, Christopher and I had a few beers beforehand. There was a good atmosphere on the bus but I do not remember who else was on it. It is a long time ago and there were different faces on the bus every week. Going by the usual times, we would have arrived at the Coach at around 22:00. I do not remember who I met or socialised with in the Coach that night.
7. The Coach closed at 1 am. I said in my witness statement that I left the Coach at about 01:00 or 01:15 to get the bus. I cannot remember whether Richard and Christopher were on the bus with me on the way back to town. I said in my witness statement [page 9576] that "*The bus dropped us off at the bottom of town*" but this may be referring to lots of people on the bus being dropped off rather than referring to Richard, Christopher and I specifically. If Richard and Christopher had been on the bus then they probably would have got off at the same stop as me. However, I know that I walked home on my own that night and not with Richard and Christopher.
8. I cannot remember whether the bus was full that night but, as far as I remember, I sat near the front. The atmosphere on the bus seemed all right and no different to any other time I had been on the bus. I had not seen any fights or arguments in the Coach that night and I did not see any on the bus either. When I got off the bus that night I had no reason to believe that there would be any trouble in town that night.
9. I was one of the first off the bus and I headed straight home once I got off. I wanted to get home before 02:00, or thereabouts. I did not feel hungry and so I did not stop at Boss Hoggs. My witness statement says that about 20 to 30 people got off the