

Portadown and the surrounding country areas. I do not remember if the car was marked or unmarked but I do not think we had any marked police cars at that time. Our duties included answering calls as they came to us and providing back up for other police if requested. I was the backseat observer that day and both Constable Cooke and Reserve Constable Warnock were seated at the front. I cannot remember now who was driving and who was the front seat observer.

5. In my notebook entry dated 27 April 1997, which is now produced and shown to me containing the page numbers **9973 to 9976** and my witness statement dated 27 April 1997, which is now produced and shown to me containing the page numbers **9231 to 9232**, I have recorded that we received a radio transmission from a female officer requesting assistance from JD81 in relation to a public disorder in Portadown town centre. The officer making the radio transmission was screaming and it was obvious that a crew was in difficulty and that there was crowd trouble. At the time we received the transmission I had no real cause for concern, however, a call for back-up was not unusual and I had received such calls in the past.

6. When we received the radio transmission we were about two or two and a half miles north of the town centre, in the direction of Killycomaine. We made our way straight to the town centre but because the barriers to the town centre were closed we had to use a roundabout route, coming in via Bridge Street and Edward Street before turning left on to Market Street. It took us about two to three minutes to get to the scene from the time we received the transmission. I believe that we parked behind another unmarked police vehicle on Market Street just before the junction of Thomas Street, near to the central reservation. I have marked our position with an "X" on the map of Portadown [73914]. The Land Rover was positioned across the street near the corner of Woodhouse Street and was facing towards the bottom of the town, i.e. away from the Church. I have marked the position of the Land Rover with an "X" and the letters "LR" and an arrow to denote the way it was facing.