

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF PHILIP CURRAN

DATED THIS

DAY OF

2008

I, PHILIP CURRAN, declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
2. I made a statement [**page 9630**] to the Police concerning the events of 26/27 April 1997 dated 1 June 1997. I have no recollection of making the statement but I confirm its contents are true to the best of my knowledge. No other documents have been produced and shown to me in connection with making this witness statement.
3. I knew David Gray from going to football matches with him and on 26 April 1997 I had gone from the football club where we had been drinking to the 'Buffs' Club in Portadown. In my statement [**Page 9630**] I refer to leaving the 'Buffs' Club about 1am and walking to the Chinese in West Street, "*We decided to go to West Street for a Chinese and when we arrived there a young fellow called Paul Curry said there was a lot of trouble down the town.*" "*I don't know where Paul Curry lives except that it is in the Brownston area somewhere.*"
4. I remember hearing sirens and together with David Gray I walked down West Street towards the town centre. We got down to the Church and the police were pushing everyone out of the town centre. I didn't see any violence but saw a guy

lying on the road at the bottom of Thomas Street. I was fairly close when the guy was lifted into an ambulance.

5. I didn't see David Gray have a conversation with any police officers and I didn't speak to anyone.
6. The police forced everybody out of the town centre and up West Street and I went back that way to my home.

SIGNED

PHILIP CURRAN

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