

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

(C.J. Act, 1967, ss.2,9: M.C. Rules 1968, r58)

Statement of Michelle Brand

Age of Witness (Date of birth) 6/11/73

Occupation of Witness Unemployed

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This statement, consisting of _____ pages, each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall 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.

Dated the 14th day of May

Signed *M Brand*

Signature witnessed by *Paul Hill*

I have already made a statement to the police and also Solicitors acting on behalf of Jason and Brian Bolger. I wish to add a few other points. Firstly the police put a great deal of pressure on me to cooperate when I made my statement. They said that they would arrange for me to be moved out of the area to a nice flat, they would arrange for my boyfriend Ricky to visit me at home when doing clear-ups as he was in prison. At first I didn't want to give a statement, they were following me around and constantly approaching me. They wanted me to attend an Identification Parade

Signed *M Brand* Signature witnessed by *Paul Hill*

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and tried to pick me up to take me to the parade. Secondly when I made the statement they manipulated and altered what I wanted to say. Firstly the police (Clive Day) inserted the phrase "grabbing his prey like an animal". I never said that, if anything Jason and Brian looked lost afterwards. Secondly the statement that the officer asked me to sign also stated that I saw Jason and Brian kicking the lifeless body. I never said lifeless body and I am sure that Jason did not kick or hit Gary Edwards in any way outside the pub. The officer did not ask me to read the statement when he had finished taking it, he just asked me to sign it. The first time that I read it was when I had to attend court to give evidence.

On the night that the incident occurred I was standing opposite the pub outside the off-license. I was with Mitchell Whipp, Leanne Rilly and a couple of others. Clare ~~and~~ ^{MB} Diamond and Vicky Defreitas left the pub to meet me. We were standing and chatting, we heard a lot of banging and crashing from the pub, we looked over and it appeared that there was a major fight. The double

Signed

MB *[Signature]*

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Double doors swung open at the front of the pub. Jason and Brian Bolger were holding Gary Edwards by their arms, they walked out to the middle of the road and dropped him there. A number of other boys followed them out, Craig Wicks, David Silby, Paul McHenry and one other who I cannot remember. As soon as they dropped him a light coloured car went by, it looked like the car was over his head, but I cannot be 100% sure. One of the four boys who followed Jason and Brian out of the pub had their hands raised and it looked like they had a broken car wheel. The four boys then ran off I have since heard that they ran off because of what had occurred in the pub. A van drove past and blocked my view for a second. A sports car drove up and I remember the driver got out, it may have been a yellow car, he shouted, Jason and Brian ran over to the car, Brian pushed the window and Jason was leaning on the bonnet with his hands. The driver drove off scared. I then ran out and grabbed Jay by the jumper and kept saying what are you doing. What are you doing calm down, he had an odd look like he was on ~~the~~ there a 115

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Signed

MB Brand

Signature witnessed by Tim

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that my boyfriend had taken over from Gary.
When my boyfriend took them with the
alcohol the combination caused him to hit
Mr. He never remembered it the following
day. Gary Edwards was lying on his back.
I don't think I saw anyone hit him outside,
but Brian was always around him and might
have hit him. I focussed more on Jason.
I tried to get eye contact, but it was like
he couldn't see me, he shrugged me off and
another man came out and stood in between
us, I hit pushed him over and pushed him
against the wall and then the man ran into
the pub and Jason followed. I never saw anyone
^{MB} try and give him the kiss of life, I saw
Stacey Wessell approach him (Gary Edwards)
and she knelt down, his mouth was covered in
blood and I said 'Stacey get away' what
she did. Brian followed Jason into the pub
I shouted Brian, what are you doing? he
gave me a wound glass and carried me
into the pub. I left and went to Dawn
Bolger's, as I left I just saw Brian leaving
the pub. A few weeks ago I visited Jason
Bolger in prison I was with Dawn Bolger

Signed *Michelle Brand*

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and Jason's Dad. We were there 2 hours.
There were only 5/6 visits going on, Craig
Wicks was clearing cups, he was in
custody. On the left was a couple, the lady
was visiting a man, she had a handbag
which was weird because prison rules
forbid you taking anything in. In conclusion
I wish to stress the following: a) I never saw
outside the P-1 Jason Bolger hit Gary Edwards.
I don't know if Jason was ran out because
the car blocked my view for a second, the
same car that hit Gary could have hit Jason
b) I have not been pressured into making this
statement, I have made it of my own free
will c) I believe on what I saw that
Jason Bolger is innocent. d) I would give evidence at
Jason Bolger's trial, I got the feeling that the
police were not pleased with my evidence
in fact there was a message from them when
I got home that I was wanted for non-payment
of fines.

Signed

M. Brand

Signature witnessed by Paul [unclear]