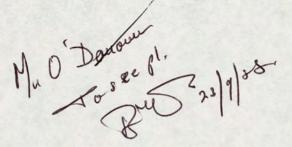


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The attahced is a statement made by Brid Rodgers to the RUC after the 12th July parade in Portadown this year. In it, Ms Rodgers questions the decision to allow the march through nationalist Garvahy. She accuses the marchers of openly flouting the RUC stipulation that there should be no provocative music. She states that she is of the view that this march should not be allowed through Garvahy in future.

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Liam Canniffe, 23 September, 1988.

Brid Rodger STATEMENT OF: AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: 21 Over OCCUPATION OF WITNESS. Damenife Kilme 34 Road ADDRESS: maan 30 I declare that this statement consisting of pages, each signed by me is true TO BE COMPLETED to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is WHEN THE tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall STATEMENT HAS be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be BEEN WRITTEN false or do not believe to be true. 1 Augat 2 Dated this day of 19 81 SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom SIGNATURE OF WITNESS statement was recorded or received hairan menker 61 am Constituence ho nearese Bann. the upper Garrafy Rd. on July 12th 1980 a.m Orange 50 thei the top of yourage the a Ivas orla Band kegan 6 The Sad mel esequently The Green & rassy These Donne. è onal provocative bauerup od drun 00 direct co my clear there Par vaile through the dhe nal Hus area he ince ate provocation and pour for the Ph ioved ha once 2 a us. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

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