

## STATEMENTS OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES

**(Only the prosecution barrister, solicitor and the 3 witnesses get a copy of these statements)**

**Statement of Alex Rooney of [ address ] made on the [ ] day of [ month ] 20 .**

My name is Alex Rooney and I live in [ insert address ] with my family. On the [ date ] I went to [ football ground ] with my good friend Robin Sturridge to support my team who I have supported for thirty years. I am a member of their Official Supporters Club. After about fifteen minutes into the game my team scored a goal. I jumped up with delight and started to celebrate when suddenly a man who was sitting in front of me starting shouting at me and then out of the blue punched me. I fell backwards and immediately felt excruciating pain from my shoulder area. I was then taken to the hospital where I was x-rayed and found out that my collarbone was broken. I missed the rest of the game. I did nothing to provoke this attack. This statement has been read over to me and it is correct

**Statement of Robin Sturridge of [ address ] made on the [ ] day of [ month ] 20 .**

My name is Robin Sturridge and I live alone in [ address ] . Through supporting [ name of football club ] , my football club, I have got to know Alex Rooney. On the [ date of the incident ] I went to support my local team with Jody as I do every Saturday home or away. We were celebrating a goal from our star striker when this guy turns around and starts abusing us and then for no reason smacks Jody causing him to lose his balance and break his collarbone. We didn't provoke him and I didn't say a word to him. I've never been in trouble with the law before. This statement has been read over to me and it is correct

*\* Robin Sturridge has previous convictions for using threatening and abusive language and assault.*

**Statement of Garda Leslie Duff of [ name of garda station ] Garda Station made on the [ ] day of [ month ] 20 .**

My name is Leslie Duff and I am a member of An Garda Síochána. I was on duty in [ name of football ground ] when I noticed a bit of a dust-up between some fans. There was a lot of shouting going on and then I saw one man who I now know to be Sam Beckham punch another man, Alex Rooney, causing him to fall backwards. I found out later that Mr. Gerrard broke his collarbone. I arrested Sam Beckham on the spot for assault. This statement has been read over to me and it is correct.