

STATEMENTS OF DEFENCE WITNESSES

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

Statement of Sam Beckham of [address] made on the [] day of [month] 20 .

My name is Sam Beckham. I am 35 years of age and I live with my family in [address] . I have been a fan of [name of football club] all my life. On the [date] I was bringing my two children for the first time to see [football club] play at home in the [name of stadium] We were all very excited. [Insert name of the other football team] scored first. Their fans who are noted for being unruly started to shout and hurl abuse at us the home supporters. Two men behind where we were sitting became very aggressive and started shouting abuse at us. I was very concerned for my children. I turned around to them and asked them to stop saying “this is only a game, there are children present” but they only laughed and shouted and jeered even louder. I became very concerned for my family and hit one of them. I was then arrested and brought to the local Garda Station.

This statement has been read over to me and is correct.

Statement of Jamie Giggs of [address] made on the [] day of [month] 20 .

My name is Jamie Giggs and I live at [address] and I am a teacher. I was attending a football match where I saw a whole commotion between some fans after the away side had scored. Some of the away supporters got very rowdy. There were children present and it was very upsetting. Some of the away supporters were asked by a man with children to stop but they just laughed at him. Then this man punched one of them. I must say I would have done the same if I were in his position.

This statement has been read over to me and is correct.

Statement of Ashley Moore of [address] made on the [] day of [month] 20 .

I am a hot drinks seller and I was employed by the Stadium on the [date] day of [month] 200 at [football ground] to sell hot drinks. I was walking through the south stand selling my drinks when the away team scored. The away supporters got very excited. My attention was drawn to two men who were on their feet but it seemed to me that they were not celebrating but shouting abuse at a man in front of them. A customer called me and when I looked back at the men one of them was flat on his back.

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