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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

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**Witness**

Dr. John Murnane,  
Belper,  
Dunsany,  
Co. Meath.  
**Identity**

Son of District Inspector Murnane, R.I.C.,  
Trim, 1912-1919.

**Subject**

- (a) Reference to description of Monteith  
in "Hue and Cry" after the Rebellion  
Easter Week 1916.
- (b) Incidents of Easter Monday 1916.

**Conditions, if any, stipulated by Witness**

Nil

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STATEMENT BY DR. JOHN MURNANE, M.B., B.Ch.,

BELPER, DUNSBANY, CO. MEATH.

My father was a District Inspector in the R.I.C. and was in charge of the Trim district during the period 1912 to 1919. After the 1916 Rebellion a description of Robert Monteith was published in the Police Gazette, commonly known as the "Hue and Cry". This was circulated to all Police Barracks and all the police had instructions to familiarise themselves with this description. At the same time all officers of the R.I.C. had specific instructions that Monteith was not to be arrested. I learned this from my father.

I am also in a position definitely to state that no instructions were issued to the police prior to Easter Monday 1916, for the arrest of Volunteer leaders. My father was in charge of the Police at Fairymore Races on Easter Monday. I was at the Races also that day. On our way home Father and I called to Police Barracks at Dunshaughlin and it was there that he first saw the orders for the arrest of Volunteer leaders. My father assisted District Inspector McCormack to decode the message containing this instruction. This was about 6.30 p.m. on Easter Monday evening.

Signed: J. Murnane

Date: 24. 11. 1916

Witness: Maude Barry

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