

Witness tells of dive off parapet

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A man knocked himself out when he dived over a parapet at Stirling station to avoid being attacked by a gang of teenagers.

The attack happened in the same area that three men are alleged to have murdered Phillip Walsham.

Clayton James Cramer, who was then an engineering apprentice, was called as a defence witness by the three men on trial.

Mr Cramer said one night in 1997 about eight youths dressed as rappers were menacing him and his girlfriend.

His girlfriend lunged at the ringleader but was drunk and she fell over.

"Then they all ran up and started kicking her," he said.

He intervened and told the girl to get up and run home.

Mr Cramer said he dived over the edge of a wall, tumbled down and knocked himself out on a rock.

"I copped a kick as I went over," he said.

"They left me alone after that - they probably thought, 'he's done enough damage to himself'."

When he regained consciousness he walked back up the hill, where he ran into another gang of youths - friendly this time.

He was with his brother Reginald, who told the court the attack was one of two he had been involved in at the station within five months.

Both attacks were reported to police.