

R/Constable Robert Cecil Atkinson, R4610 - Folder 8

Whilst Form 17/3 has been served in relation to alleged criminal conduct, no formal disciplinary interview has been conducted to date. This is due to the fact that the R/Constable is to be reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions for allegedly attempting to pervert the course of justice. This alleged charge is linked to the events of 27 April 1997 and is being investigated by D/Chief Inspector K [REDACTED]. An interview will take place pending the outcome of that enquiry.

Inspector Alan George McCrum, 16742 - Folder 9 and Part III, Pages 100-132

Inspector McCrum was served with Form 17/3 on 18 April 2001.

He was interviewed at Lisnasharragh on 30 August 2001 between 1021 and 1202 hours by Superintendent Kennedy and Chief Inspector Jackson. Also present was [REDACTED] of the Police Ombudsman's Office. The interviews were recorded on a total of three tapes.

During interview Inspector McCrum confirmed that he was the Duty Inspector in Portadown on Saturday, 27 April 1997 with Divisional responsibility for Lurgan and Banbridge Sub-Divisions. He was aware that officers had been detailed to cover Portadown town centre for public order duties but he did not attend their briefing.

Inspector McCrum outlined how he had been made aware that disorder had broken out in the town centre and had made his way, along with Sergeant P89 to Market Street. He was informed by Constable Cooke that two males had been assaulted by a group of Protestant youths and had subsequently been taken by ambulance to Craigavon Hospital. When he arrived, this group of youths were still on the street and Inspector McCrum stated that his policing priority at that time was to move them on to avoid further disorder. To this purpose, he requested further resources from the MSU which he knew were on duty in Banbridge.

The Inspector went on to describe how the situation was brought under control after the arrival of additional resources. He then continued with his supervision duties relating to the Division. At this time, he was not aware of the gravity of Mr Hamill's injuries and no scene was indicated to him. He did direct Sergeant P89 to go to the hospital and ascertain the condition of those injured. Inspector McCrum had no knowledge of any information supplied to medical staff.

Inspector McCrum then went on to relate how he had spoken to someone at the hospital around 4.00 am and was apprised that one of the injured was seriously ill and that the assault should be regarded as potentially life-threatening. As a result, he contacted D/Constable Keys who was the call-out CID officer. In respect of his journal entries about having instructed Constable Cooke to draw up a list of persons at the scene and to obtain the injured parties clothing, Inspector McCrum was unclear as to whether these had been complied with.

Inspector McCrum then went on to say that part of his briefing to D/Constable Keys was to have the scene of the assault taped off and preserved for examination. He did not personally visit the scene to confirm that this had been done. He explained that the officers who