

The Police Manual, Chapter 3, paragraph 9, is titled "Debriefing" and states -
"Prior to terminating duty, Constables will be debriefed by their supervising Sergeants/Inspectors. All incidents and occurrences, particularly those of an unusual nature, will be discussed and records will be completed".

Copy of Police Manual Chapter 3, paragraph 9, is attached at Part IV, Pages 306-307.

The senior supervising officer at the initial assault scene of Mr Hamill and **D** was Inspector McCrum. The assault occurred at 1.50 am and enquiries have established that Inspector McCrum accompanied by ex Sergeant **P89** arrived at the scene some time after 2.10am.

At this point, Inspector McCrum directed police on the ground to separate the two rival factions which was complied with.

The exact extent of Inspector McCrum's debriefing at the scene is not clear but what is known is that at 2.30 am, he left the scene and drove the 10.9 miles to Banbridge Police Station on supervision duties. The Occurrence Book at Banbridge was signed by the Inspector at 3.10 am.

It would appear that Inspector McCrum played no active role in debriefing members under his control at the scene after the incident. In fairness to the Inspector, he indicated that he felt this was the responsibility of CID, however, as the Duty Inspector it could be reasonably suggested that he should have exercised more leadership guidance and control over those officers under his command.

Further criticisms of the lack of debriefings are as follows:-

According to Inspector McCrum he spent most of his time collecting information on the incident for release to the Press Office. Criticism with regard to various press releases have already been dealt with as per attached papers at Part IV , Pages 308-312.

It is suggested that proper initial debriefing could have prevented this.

An examination of the Occurrence Book at Portadown for 27 April 1997 shows that Constable **A** made entries with regard to the arrest of Wayne Lunt after she had been assaulted. See Folder 3, Part 25. Proper debriefing would have highlighted this and ensured that appropriate follow-up action was taken.

An examination of notebook entries in respect of Constable **A** and ex-Sergeant **P89** shows that their recorded events for 27 April 1997 are out of sequence.

Ex-Sergeant **P89** has decided not to assist with this investigation.

Constable **A** has already been interviewed regarding this area. It would appear that debriefing and effective supervision could have prevented this.

In April 1999, General Order 31/99 C(c) entitled "Template for Copying Notebook Entries - Form 38/67" was issued. This was to standardise the submission of notebook entries which should properly deal with such matters in the future. Copy attached at Part IV, Pages 313-314.