

To: D/Chief Superintendent Stewart, Crime Adviser, South Region

Subject: Enquiry re: Reserve Constable P/T [REDACTED], Tandragee R.U.C.

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As discussed, I interviewed Reserve Constable [REDACTED] on Friday 7 September 2001 at his home address. There was some delay in arranging due to annual leave period and difficulties with mutually suitable arrangements. The interview took place informally, and I made clear to Reserve Constable [REDACTED] that he was not being treated as a suspect in this matter.

Background

This interview was conducted on the basis that the subject, with his wife, visited the home of Reserve Constable F/T Robert Atkinson on 15 April 2001, when Atkinson had recently been arrested and interviewed in connection with the 'Hamill Enquiry'. At this time, under authority appropriately granted, technical surveillance was being conducted within this address, using equipment which was subsequently to become compromised.

There was concern as to how the equipment used in this surveillance had come to be compromised, and the enquiry wished to establish if Atkinson had been made aware of the existence of the equipment from within the police service.

There was a suggestion from 'product' extracted from the surveillance, that during the visit of the [REDACTED] on 15 April 2001, the matter had been discussed. The 'product' indicated (through an indecipherable whisper & a subsequent change in conversation subject) that [REDACTED] may have been informed that Atkinson believed that their conversation was being monitored. There was no other reference to the subject in the surveillance 'product'.

The focus of the enquiry with [REDACTED] resulting from this, was to establish what knowledge he had in relation to the surveillance/equipment in Atkinson's home and as to what discussions the two might have had on the subject. Specifically, the enquiry wished to ascertain whether the existence and or identity of any person within, or associated with the police service had played a part in the compromising of this surveillance.

Enquiry

I met with Reserve Constable P/T [REDACTED] at his home address. I informed him that I wished to speak to him in respect of Robert Atkinson and discussions they may have had subsequent to his arrest. In the introductory phase of our discussions I was given the following information;