

not be prudent to make any comment about this at this stage, nor to pre-empt the decision of the DPP.

8 Complaint re Action of Police at Hamill Home

8.1 A complaint has been made in this matter and is being investigated by 'G' Department. This complaint is being supervised by the ICPC. Diane Hamill has made a 6 page statement of complaint. Whilst the relevant police officers have not been formally interviewed as yet, initial enquiries would indicate that they did in fact visit the scene on 2 occasions but could not find the person referred to by Miss Hamill.

9 Incident at the Remand Court, HMP Maze

9.1 The Courtroom at the Maze is relatively small and there is only sufficient sitting room for approximately 6 members of the public. On Wednesday 19.11.97 there were approximately 12 members of the Hamill family and friends present in the Court. Diane Hamill was heard to pass comments to the accused in the witness box and one other member of the Hamill party also passed comment to a defence solicitor regarding the proceedings. Three additional police officers were brought into the court as a precaution to prevent possible disorder. In keeping with current practice two police officers also accompanied each of the three defendants, all of whom were together in the dock. Consequently a total of 9 uniformed police officers were present in the restricted confines of the court. (Please see attached sketch of court room, Appendix D attached.)

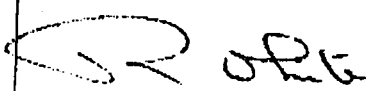
10 Video

10.1 No video is available of the police Landrover. I am unaware as to where this information came from.

11 Witnesses

11.1 This is a matter for the DPP and I understand the Director has written to the Attorney General about the situation. However, I can say that "Witness B", during consultation with the DPP and senior Counsel, stated that he could remember nothing about the incident. During the same consultation, "Witness A" retracted her evidence. It is the opinion of the investigating officers that no matter what sanctions may have been threatened against "Witness A" she would not have continued with her evidence.

Forwarded for information and consideration.


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