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evidence, arrests and searches were carried out on the morning of 10 May reference the 6 charged.

 Δ further 2 persons were arrested on 15 May and were released pending report to the DPP.

POINT 4

One of the police officers identified a person kicking at Robert Hamill however, he alleges he was not in a position at that stage to effect an arrest. This is one of the police officers presently the subject of the "Complaint against Police". This suspect was not positively identified until the night of the 9 May 1997. An arrest on 6 May was carried out in relation to this identity issue, this being covered in point 3 above.

Reference forensic evidence, in such circumstances may not have established evidence to substantiate a charge or in fact a great deal and therefore it was of vital importance to obtain witness evidence. In such circumstances it was felt verbal/written admissions would not be forthcoming therefore extensive enquiries were carried out to identify and record evidence from witnesses. It should be noted there was a forensic link between one of the accused Bridgett and the deceased however, without the supporting witness evidence the charge was withdrawn.

POINT 5

A DPP file is being submitted which relates to an allegation of a link between one of the accused and one police officer.

There was no video evidence which covered the police landrover.

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