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R - v - McKEE & McKEE

CROWN OPENING

MR. [REDACTED]: Your Honour, James Michael McKee and Andrea Louise McKee are both charged with providing false information to the police, Mr. McKee in respect of the fact that he made a telephone call and in respect of Mrs. McKee that she confirmed that it was her husband Michael McKee who made the telephone call and contrary to common law.

In the early hours of 27 April 1997 Mr. Robert Hamilton was attacked in Portadown town centre. As a result of the injuries he sustained he died on 8 May 1997. A number of persons were involved in this attack and one of those suspected was at the time a boyfriend of a niece of Mr. McKee and she also was in the town centre on the night in question and saw the attack (Inaudible) there.

Amongst the police attending at the scene at that time was a full-time Reserve police officer. The defendants at this time were married and living in the Craigavon area and they owned and ran a gym teaching martial arts (Inaudible). They had become very friendly with this Reserve police officer and his wife and that was through the fact that the Reserve officer's daughter was a member of this gym and both couples visited each other's homes and attended social events and went on trips together in connection with the gym.