

Date	Source/ Organisation	Action/Activity
23 rd November 2000	PONI/ DPP	<p>Preliminary discussions in relation to the on-going RUC re-investigation were held between David Wood, Chris Mahaffey and Raymond Kitson DPP.</p> <p>The strategy adopted by DCS McBurney in approaching the alibi witnesses and conducting non-PACE interviews was discussed.</p> <p>The DPP's view being that the evidential impact of this strategy could only be assessed upon receipt of the relevant crime file.</p>
23 rd November 2000	DCS McBurney DCI [redacted] SIO Chris Mahaffey	<p>During a meeting held between the RUC and PONI investigating teams, DCS McBurney presented his strategy in relation to the arrest and search phase of their investigation.</p> <p>The primary activity being the arrest of the second alibi witness and the simultaneous search for evidence at the home addresses of the other parties involved, including Reserve Constable Atkinson and the alleged recipient of the telephone call during which the "tip off" was made.</p>
5 th December 2000	DCS McBurney DCI [redacted] SIO Chris Mahaffey	<p>A revised strategy, which included the simultaneous arrest of all the above parties, the searches of their home addresses and the commencement of a covert evidence gathering exercise, was put forward by the PONI team, after some discussion, adoption and development of the revised plan was accepted.</p>
12 th December 2000	DCI [redacted] SIO Chris Mahaffey	<p>DCI [redacted] expressed concern as to the way in which the original murder investigation team, particularly DCS McBurney and DI Michael Irwin had handled one of the two alibi witnesses and a second apparent witness to the assault upon Robert Hamill.</p> <p>In short DCI [redacted] questioned why both had been treated as witnesses, when material was available to indicate possible criminal involvement in the assault and although unrelated the subsequent provision of false alibi evidence.</p>