

in this case. Without her testimony there is not a shred of evidence upon which the defendants could now be convicted.

In the circumstances there is no reasonable prospect of the conviction of any of the defendants and I recommend that when the case is mentioned again at Craigavon Magistrates' Court on Friday 19 March that the court be informed that the prosecution no longer relies upon the evidence of Andrea [REDACTED] and is not therefore in the position to proceed further with the committal.

If you accept the advice of Mr Simpson, which is consistent with earlier advice given by Christine Smith BL, and with my views expressed above you will wish to discuss the exact terms of the information which should be provided to the court. It will also be necessary to advise [REDACTED] Solicitor to the Hamill family, of these developments before the matter is mentioned in court.



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