

appointments were made through the Assistant Chief Constable 'G' Department. The ICPC were asked to, and did, approve the appointment of the Senior Investigating officer.

5. I arranged to interview Miss Hamill at Portadown police station along with DCS McBurney but she did not turn up. Mr [REDACTED] the ICPC member who was also present advised me to write again. We learnt that the problem for the Hamill family was the venue so we suggested that the interview take place at the ICPC headquarters in Belfast. I don't believe we received any response to that second letter. A true copy of that second letter, dated 27.8.97 is now produced and shown to me marked "RTA1".
6. I can't recall whether or not a strategy was agreed with the ICPC but in the normal course, the ICPC had the upper hand in relation to how things progressed and they would advise the investigating officers. They would probably have communicated with DCS McBurney by letter. When it came to interviewing they wouldn't ask questions themselves but would ask for questions to be put but I can't now remember the detail of this investigation. I was kept up to date by CI Bradley but we would discuss the matter only occasionally.
7. The complaint investigation and the murder investigation were, in essence, one and the same, so the evidence from the murder investigation would have formed part of the complaint investigation file. I would therefore probably have been aware of witnesses Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson but I can't recall anything more about them. I do know that I had no direct involvement with them.
8. I was not made aware that Tracey Clarke had made an allegation against RC Robert Atkinson. It was never discussed with me. I can't say whether anyone else referred it to the ICPC but it wasn't brought to my attention by DCS McBurney or anyone else. Normally during an investigation, if an allegation of criminal conduct by a police officer arises, the officers who had discovered it would be obliged to raise a file on the matter. The file should contain a statement outlining the nature of the complaint and that file would then be forwarded to the Superintendent of New Complaints. Thereafter, it would be referred to the ICPC and they would decide whether to supervise or not.