

as was Timothy's father, Bobby Jameson. It is clear from that note that Timothy Jameson was making excuses to get out of giving evidence. He said he did not see anything of the incident and content of his statement was provided by a police officer. It was not unusual for witnesses to say something like that. That note suggests to me that Timothy Jameson backed out when he found out the other two witnesses had withdrawn.

7. I am asked whether I considered what Timothy said to be an allegation of police impropriety. I am sure I did not pick that up at the time because if I had considered it an allegation against police I would have spoken to Gordon Kerr QC or Roger Davison after the consultation and asked them to refer the matter to the Chief Constable. I suspect I thought Timothy Jameson was lying and simply trying to get out of giving evidence. That was an allegation I had heard many times before by witnesses trying to get out of giving evidence. I certainly did not, it would seem, take it seriously at the time. At the end of the consultation Roger Davison noted "This witness will not give any evidence of any value whatsoever". Having read the full note of consultation, I agree with his analysis. It seems to me it would have been pointless.
  
8. In the Robert Hamill case there was obviously an issue as to whether there was sufficient evidence to proceed. It is clear from the note of consultation that the main witnesses were Tracey Clarke and Timothy Jameson. I do not know whether the prosecution was based solely on their evidence because I did not know what other evidence there was by way of forensics etc. It certainly seemed that they were the primary eye witnesses and without them the case would collapse. I was not, however, asked to make any recommendation on the case. I think the investigating police were experienced enough to have understood the effect of those consultations; they would not have needed a recommendation from me. I think it was obvious to everyone who attended those consultations that the case was going to fail. Despite the protestations of prosecuting police who would have liked to continue with the prosecution everyone accepted the reality of the situation.