

24. In my statement and notebook I gave some detailed descriptions of persons at the scene but I did not recognise anybody there as I had only just moved to Portadown. I was never called in to attend any identity parade or any other identification procedure. I went off sick at the end of April 1997, soon after the incident. I was never asked to clarify my statement and only recall being asked to attend an interview, which I did, on the 2 October 1997 with DI Irwin and Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney. I was not involved in the investigation after 27 April 1997 and I did not have any contact with the other officers from the Land Rover as we never socialised outside work. I went off on long term sickness and never came back to policing duties.
25. Everything I know about murder investigation is from watching the television. I was later contacted, though I cannot recall when, by a DS McDowell to attend an interview about Reserve Constable Atkinson. I refused to as I could not get any representation from the Police Federation who had told me that this interview was not a police matter and I did not want to go without a solicitor.
26. At the time of the incident I had only been stationed in Portadown for eight months and although I was a member of the public order crew that night, I did not see it as part of my duties to secure the scene. I was mainly concerned with the welfare of the two injured men that night and, in any event, I had no training in scene preservation. I had never experienced violence like that before, even when I was with the Mobile Support Unit.
27. As I have mentioned, shortly after the incident, I went on long term sick leave and I still have difficulty sleeping and nightmares about what happened. I have since been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and I am no longer employed by PSNI, formerly known as the RUC.

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DATED:

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