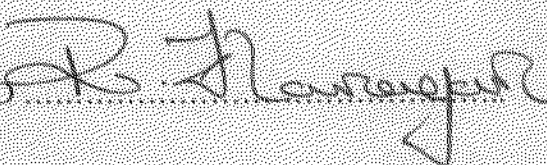


16. On 2.3.01 I met with the Ombudsman and David Wood, also of the Ombudsman's office. They discussed with me their concerns about the case. There is now produced and shown to me marked "RF4" a copy of a branch note, which references that meeting. Recorded in the note is a reference to technical equipment and that's what I would have seen as my role, making sure there were adequate resources and I rang the relevant people to ensure that if there was any shortage of equipment it had to be sorted out expeditiously. I was unaware of the detail of this case but if the Reserve Constable had had behaved as alleged and given a warning to a potential suspect I would have considered the use of technical surveillance to be fully justified.
17. On 14.5.02 Chris Mehaffey of the Ombudsman's office wrote to me There is now produced and shown to me marked "RF5", a copy of that letter. He sought clarity on two issues (1) the delay between October 1997 and June 2000 in dealing with the alibi witnesses; (2) whether there were other motivating factors relevant to the investigation of inquiries in June 2000. I replied on 29.5.01. A copy of that letter is now produced and shown to me marked "RF6". The letter was simply a formal response to his as I had discussed with him the reason for delay, as presented to me.
18. I was unaware that the prosecution of RC Atkinson was withdrawn and of the reason for that. I retired as Chief Constable of the RUC in March 2002. Save for what I have set out above, I have no other information in relation to this matter.

SIGNED

DATED



31.7.06