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be subject to attacks. However, I cannot recall Andrea McKee or any police officer ever raising this as a concern or giving it as a reason for arranging the interview at my offices rather than at the police station.

5. It has been suggested to me that the fact Andrea McKee was not my client makes it particularly surprising that the interview was conducted at my offices. I disagree with this. As I say, the context at the time made it difficult to facilitate interviews with the police at the police station. I have been asked whether there were other occasions when the police conducted interviews on my premises. I can recall several instances where the police have held discussions at our offices over various matters over the years but, beyond that, I cannot be more specific.
6. There is an entry in my diary dated 27th October 1997 when Michael McKee called my office regarding Robert Atkinson. I suspect now that he was ringing to confirm the date of the proposed interview with Andrea McKee.
7. I sat in on the interview because I was aware that Andrea McKee was being interviewed in relation to matters concerning Robert Atkinson and, since I was representing him, I felt it appropriate that I should be present. Robert Atkinson had told me himself that Andrea McKee was there to corroborate his assertion that he did not make the particular telephone call to the Hanvey house on 27th April 1997. I felt that in those circumstances it was appropriate to be present at the interview. The police officer seemed happy to conduct the interview in my presence and Andrea McKee did not make any protest that I heard. Had the police officers shown any sign of resistance, I would have taken a different course, but they did not. Although I sat in, I did not take any notes at all. I have double-checked the files but I cannot find any paperwork at all relating to that interview.
8. I did not bill Andrea McKee for the interview. She was not my client