

9. I had received an Action Sheet stating that information had been received that Timothy Jameson had in fact been in the town at the material time and had seen what had happened. I was allocated the interview and was privately briefed for the interview by Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney and Detective Chief Inspector P39 I think the briefing was in Detective Inspector Irwin's room. I recall being told to conduct the interview in Lurgan Police Station as a priority.

10. I was not given copies of any witness statements before the interview and was unaware of the source of the information about Timothy Jameson. A transcript of my Interview with the Police Ombudsman dated the 5th December 2001 has been produced and shown to me at page 27082 and I recall visiting Timothy Jameson's home. I spoke to his mother and told her that I wished to interview Timothy that night. She was very pleasant towards me and informed me that he was at college in Armagh and that she would get him to ring me when he came home. I told her that I was happy for her and/or her husband to attend the interview with Timothy although he was of age and sensible to handle himself. There is no taped record of that interview because it was not our practice to tape record witness interviews. We only tape recorded suspect interviews.

11. Timothy Jameson attended Portadown Police Station that night at a time between 7.45pm and 8pm. He was alone. He did not appear to be nervous and did not voice any concern over the interview. I was very conscious of that fact that he had spoken to the police previously and denied being in the town centre but had subsequently admitted being there and witnessing the assault. I was naturally suspicious and wondered to myself if he was in fact involved in the assault. I interviewed Timothy Jameson in the interview room, which is next to the cells in Portadown police station. I have been asked whether I saw or was aware of another witness called Tracey Clarke being interviewed that night. I am quite sure there was no other witness being interviewed while I was with Timothy Jameson. The station is extremely small and it would have been obvious to me if another interview was being conducted.

12. Although Timothy Jameson was interviewed as a witness, I was absolutely clear in my mind that if he admitted to kicking Robert Hamill or being involved in

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