

50237. I believe that was a verbal briefing. I was not given any statements but I would have been handed an action sheet setting out the specific items for which we were to search. I cannot remember what my role was during this search but it was usually the responsibility of the uniformed search team to do the actual searching. The detectives present were there to advise, to seize items and bag them and to effect the arrest. I see that we were instructed to look for clothing at Marc Hobson's home and that there was a specific instruction to look for a grey coloured sweater, a pair of blue jeans, a grey Nike sweatshirt and a black leather jacket. I note there is no reference to footwear, which seems unusual as this was a case where the suspects were alleged to have kicked the victim. I cannot say anymore about that, however, without the relevant action sheets. I do remember that Detective Constable McDowell was the Exhibits Officer at the time so we would have handed over all seized items to him.

20. In the afternoon that same day, I interviewed Marc Hobson. I cannot recall the briefing for that interview but I think I read some statements in advance which I had printed off as I couldn't read them on the HOLMES system. I don't think any disclosure of statements was made to Marc Hobson although he was interviewed under caution for four hours. He was very clear that he was not involved and he had not seen anything. After the interview, I went to Detective Inspector Irwin and Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney and summarised the interview for them. The interview was probably discussed at the next team briefing and if there was anything further arising that would have been dealt with.

21. On 11 May 1997, I was also involved in the search and arrest operation for Rory Robinson. My Statement of 10 June 1997 containing page numbers 852 to 853 deals with that. It is recorded that I was briefed that morning by Detective Inspector Irwin to search Rory Robinson's home for clothing and footwear. Detective Constable P7 and I were the detectives present and the uniformed team conducted the actual search. After the search the seized and bagged items were handed over to Detective Constable McDowell.