

22. On 15 May 1997, I was briefed to search Andrew Allen's home for clothing. My statement which refers to that search contains page number **00864 to 00865**. I was briefed for the search by Detective Sergeant Bradley and I was accompanied by Detective Constable [REDACTED]. The search only lasted 20 minutes but the length of any search depends on the lay-out of the house and nature of the items being searched for. As a matter of practice, if a police officer is briefed to search for clothing that is all the officer should search for. I stick to that principle; a search is not a licence to snoop in someone's private belongings.
23. Later that day, I interviewed Andrew Allen. Detective Constable [REDACTED] accompanied me. Andrew Allen was interviewed as a suspect and the interview was tape recorded. A copy of my statement which resulted from that interview contains page number **00868**. The transcript of the interview contains page numbers **7390 to 7458**.
24. I see from the transcript that Andrew Allen said he was out with Allister Hanvey, Rory Robinson and David Woods on the night in question. He said that "Wee Davy" was attacked and that Allister Hanvey and Rory Robinson were involved in the fighting. I also note that he said he would not give evidence and that if anybody found out he had done so he would "end up in a dark alley". He went on to say, however, that he had not been threatened. There is no reference to him being offered protection or anonymity but if he had requested it I would have gone straight to Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney. I must conclude that he did not request any protection or seek any reassurance from me about his identity.
25. I also interviewed Jonathan Wright. A number of statements were taken from him and I believe I recorded two of them. Jonathan Wright's first statement was dated 11 May 1997, containing page numbers **564 to 567**. On 15 May 1997, Jonathan Wright was interviewed again by me and made a second statement containing page numbers **568 to 569**.