

something as important as that, and if I were to have done so without notice it would have been an issue that might have necessitated my resignation.

24. On 11 November 1999, DI Irwin wrote to advise that he had made arrangements for Timothy Jameson to contact me (page 00359). My recollection is that Timothy Jameson was in Scotland and it was harder for DI Irwin to get hold of him. I eventually spoke with him on 6 January 2000. My attendance note of that conversation appears at page 00358. I have no idea from where Timothy Jameson was phoning and he seemed to be alone.
25. To my recollection, Timothy Jameson was quite morose and uncooperative. He said that the words in his statement had been put into his mouth by the police. I may have later mentioned this allegation in passing to DI Irwin. I told Jameson that I could arrange for him to make a new statement and I may have added that I would take it from him personally. However, he then said that any new statement would merely record that he was completely unable to remember the incident. I did not believe Jameson's claim that he could not remember, but ultimately he described having fears for his own safety.
26. The wording of my attendance note is interesting: it was inconsistent for Timothy Jameson to say at the start that he could not remember anything, but also to say at the end that he would have fears for his own safety. I considered that Jameson could only have had fears for his safety if he did have some knowledge and the persons he feared knew this to be the case. Obviously if he had said, "*I can remember nothing*", no one would be prejudiced. Accordingly, although Timothy Jameson was not as vocal as Tracey Clarke and I had to draw his concern out of him, on balance, I was satisfied that he had genuine fears for his own safety.
27. I did not specifically discuss with the witnesses what protection could be provided. However, I may have mentioned that, as happens in the Court of Appeal or the Criminal Court, an application could be made for anonymity and to screen the witness from the public gaze while giving evidence. In many of the courts of Northern Ireland, one of the witness boxes has curtains to conceal