

ahead, even with an Article 3, because the identity of the witness could become known. I cannot recall what happened in this case.

31. I have been asked if I have any recollection of Colin Prunty as a witness. I did not attend the consultation with this witness which was attended by my colleague Mr McCarey and Gordon Kerr on the 30 October 1997.
32. I have been shown a file note by Raymond Kitson, dated 20 November 1997 which is now produced containing the page numbers **18041 to 18043**. That note records a consultation with Raymond Kitson, Gordon Kerr Q.C. and I on 18 November 1997. I have no recollection of that consultation but see that we discussed the case against Wayne Lunt, Stacey Bridgett and Marc Hobson and concluded there was no reasonable prospect of a conviction against Wayne Lunt and Stacey Bridgett. It also appears that we discussed the evidence of Stacey Bridgett's blood being on Robert Hamill's jeans but discounted it as insufficient to prove that he had been involved in the commission of any offence. There is certain information in the note which tends to indicate that Stacey Bridgett had been lying but there may have been other matters that I knew at the time which I do not now recall. Sometimes these matters can lead to a further police interview and sometimes they do not.
33. On 20 January 1998 I issued a Direction to prosecute. That Direction, which is now produced and shown to me is in two parts, and contains page numbers **18192 to 18193 & 18191**.
34. I recall going to Craigavon Magistrates' Court to attend [REDACTED] who was the prosecuting barrister at the committal hearing. I can remember speaking to some members of the Hamill family before and after the committal hearing but I cannot recall what was said. My vague memory is that we were aware that the Hamill family were very concerned and that is why I attended court on that date. We wanted to make sure that they had the opportunity to ask us questions.