

Initial Enquiries

As previously outlined I returned to Portadown in the late afternoon of 28th April 1998 approximately 38 hours after the incident had occurred. During the remainder of that afternoon/evening I updated myself on the information/evidence available. I then decided to raise 'Action Sheets' which produced a supporting investigation paper system for the Robert Hamill assault. In essence I personally wrote out actions sheets that would have been allocated to the Criminal Investigation Department officers. This provided Detective Chief Inspector **P39** and myself with a basic structure by which to manage the investigation and focus the activities of the investigation team. To introduce this system for a Grievous Bodily Harm would not, to my knowledge and experience, have been a common practice at that time in Northern Ireland.

I had personally written out 61 of a total of 64 actions, which were raised between 29th April and 8th May 1997 and which related to the Grievous Bodily Harm investigation. These were replaced by HOLMES documentation following the death of Robert Hamill. The actions raised by me are as follows:-

<u>Action No</u>	<u>Date Allocated</u>	<u>Action Resume</u>
A1	29.04.97	TST Neill re duties at scene & copy of notebook entry
A2	29.04.97	TST Cornett re duties at scene & copy of notebook entry
A3	29.04.97	TST Murphy re duties at scene & copy of notebook entry