Message Sheets 1 and 2 dated 28th April 1997 from R/Const Atkinson.
Document 393 'Notes taken down from Const Neill re incident'.
Document 394 'Notes taken down from R/Const P40 re incident'.
Document 395 'Notes taken down from R/Const Cornett re incident'.

Throughout the GBH investigation I also completed, assisted or accompanied other members of the team in completing their actions. In reality, there were four teams of two personnel completing their actions which I had directed by way of their action sheets. The Criminal Investigation Department officers' enquiries were disrupted and sometimes delayed due to other commitments and court appearances, however, at every available opportunity they returned to this investigation. Conferences throughout the days following the assault focused all Detective personnel and updated them on the progress of the investigation.

Initial Assessment of Incident

On my own initial assessment of this investigation, I identified major difficulties that would have to be overcome if there was to be any opportunity of making persons accountable for the crime. The issues that were arising were:-

(a) There were ambiguous accounts provided by the Police Officers at the scene and from several of the witnesses who had been the subject or witnessed the assaults. I personally had difficulty in fully interpreting the scene from the statements provided and identifying where people, including the Injured Parties, were actually located and in what sequence events actually occurred. However, this was not an unusual facet, considering what had occurred.

(b) There was little police witness evidence to identify those people involved in the actual assault of Robert Hamill. Other witness evidence was also vague.

(c) There was no security camera video recording from the Queens Bar, Thomas Street, which were the only premises that covered the immediate area of the assault.