

- (d) A41 dated 29th April 1997 to re-interview F as a police officer was adamant she had identified an assailant of Robert Hamill (she subsequently denied making such a comment).
- (e) A36 dated 29th April 1997 to obtain details of possible suspects from descriptions in police statements.

These actions are in addition to those raised to interview significant witnesses as identified at the scene.

Management and Supervision of Enquiries

Through the daily conferences and the action sheets, the Criminal Investigation Department personnel attached to this investigation were managed, supervised, briefed and updated on progress and priorities by Detective Chief Inspector P39 and myself. The Criminal Investigation Department officers were experienced and were well aware and familiar with the difficulties being encountered. The limited personnel available were being supervised by Detective Chief Inspector P39 myself and two Detective Sergeants. Everyone involved in conducting these enquiries undertook their tasks with urgency, being fully aware of the effects that the sectarian element, the allegations of police inactivity and subsequent arrests would have and were having on the investigation. I strongly feel that the following notebook entries support the focus, supervision and management that I was personally bringing to the investigation:

28th May 1997 Conference ref weekend events. Briefing reference immediate enquiries regarding serious assault in Portadown town centre. Directions given ref investigation. ... supervision ref serious assault investigations... supervision ref serious assault.

29th April 1997 Conference ref overnight events and serious assault... Supervision reference enquiries throughout day... Briefed D/C/Insp P39 throughout day... 4.45 pm conference ref serious assault on Robert Hamill. Supervision ref enquiries... Briefed D/C/Insp P39