

make contact with [REDACTED] Solicitor, the following examples of notebook entries further reflect these difficulties.

- 16<sup>th</sup> May 1997      Attempted throughout day to contact [REDACTED] however, despite 3 phone calls none were returned.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 1997      Contacted [REDACTED]'s office. No response to previous contact on Friday (ie 16<sup>th</sup>/5/97) & Monday (ie 19<sup>th</sup>/5/97).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1997      Phoned [REDACTED] Sol ref ICPC Wedn. night. Requested to return phone call as not available.
- 5<sup>th</sup> June 1997      (See previous entry in this statement ref liaison with Robert Hamill's family.)

### **Stacey Bridgett and the Forensic Link**

In relation to the forensic link between Stacey Bridgett and Robert Hamill, I can confirm that I did receive verbal information from the Forensic Scientist. This information was received after Stacey Bridgett had been charged and had been placed on remand and in custody. The information received was to the effect that Stacey Bridgett's blood had been located at the bottom of Robert Hamill's trouser leg. The initial findings placed Bridgett close to Robert Hamill's feet and the initial Forensic Scientist's opinion was that this was a blood drop. His opinion was that this initial finding would not support the possibility that Stacey Bridgett was actually assaulting Robert Hamill at the precise time his blood dripped onto Robert Hamill's trousers. Further forensic examinations, both of Robert Hamill's clothing and that of Stacey Bridgett's, were still ongoing in conjunction with other clothing submitted. At this stage of the investigation Stacey Bridgett had been arrested on two separate occasions and interviewed during both periods of detention. Despite evidence that placed him in the immediate vicinity of the assaults, Stacey Bridgett had continually denied this and had denied any contact with the injured party, stating that he had been punched on the nose whilst in the vicinity of the police landrover. A police officer, Reserve Constable Silcock, had identified a remark made regarding a person called 'Stacey'. This remark