

Irwin's office. Detective Chief Inspector **P39** was not present during this meeting. Shortly after the officers had assembled, I commenced going through the statements. I do not recall anything that I specifically needed to address with each of the witnesses apart from Reserve Constable Atkinson. He said something about his statement not being complete so I told him to go away and finish it. He provided his statement some time later that day.

9. The statement of Reserve Constable Atkinson dated 27 April 1997 has been produced and shown to me containing page numbers **692 to 694**. I note that in my statement dated 13 November 2001 at page **17572** I recorded that I pointed out to Reserve Constable Atkinson that he had only identified two persons at the scene, Rory Robinson and Wayne Lunt. My statement goes on to say that Reserve Constable Atkinson had served in Portadown for many years and lived locally and that he was bound to be able to identify more persons who were possibly involved. I cannot recall how Reserve Constable Atkinson reacted when I said that to him but, in reply, Reserve Constable Atkinson gave me two further pieces of information.
10. Having received this information, I recorded the names on the message form and put them into the system. The copy message forms have been produced and shown to me and contain page numbers **20288 & 20289**. They record that Reserve Constable Atkinson saw Victoria Clayton wiping blood off Stacey Bridgett and saw a man known as 'Rat' Gray in the crowd.
11. This information was received when the investigation was pre HOLMES and it went onto lever arch files as part of the MIRIAM system. Fifty or sixty actions were raised prior to the death of Robert Hamill. These would be handed out during the course of a conference or a briefing. When the actions were handed out an explanation would be given. When Robert Hamill died the information went on to the HOLMES system.