

14. On 28 April 1997 I remember that DC Keys recovered CCTV footage from the scene. I do not remember the details but I know there was no evidential matter on the tapes.
15. I also went to the home of Mrs Hamill with DC McAteer to try to gain her support and the support of the community. I think Robert's brother and sister were there at the time. She received us well but I was aware that animosity was building towards the police. I recall asking whether they could ask witnesses to come forward with information. I also decided to contact the local priests and ask them to help us contact witnesses and appeal for information perhaps in the Parish's weekly bulletin. Unfortunately, none of the priests I spoke to came back to me with any help.
16. On 1 May 1997, we planned to arrest three individuals but for reasons which I can no longer remember we had to delay it. On 6 May 1997, we arrested Stacey Bridgett, Dean Forbes and [REDACTED]. I am reminded that after interview it was clear [REDACTED] had nothing to do with it and he was released. The other two were released on bail.
17. On 8 May 1997, Robert Hamill died. I was off work that day but DI Irwin telephoned me that night to tell me what had happened. I believe he briefed DCS McBurney as well. I cannot now remember if I came into the police station for a briefing on the 8 May 1997. On 9 May 1997 I opened a policy book page **913** to **941** and the investigation was transferred to HOLMES. DCS McBurney made it clear, however, that because there was intelligence of a police officer's involvement with a suspect we had to restrict the recording of information. In fact, he was of the view that we should not have recorded anything for security reasons. I was therefore selective about what entries I made in the policy book.
18. In my policy book page **915** I recorded that DI Irwin was the Officer Manager but actually his role was much more than that he was responsible for managing the investigations in Portadown. Once the investigation was transferred onto HOLMES, CID officers from the Regional Crime Squad at Armagh would