

come into Portadown CID office every day to be briefed and collect information. The HOLMES unit was in Armagh so any statements etc that had to be put onto HOLMES had to be taken to Armagh for inputting.

19. On 9 May 1997, I was aware there were two potential eye witnesses. I am reminded that DI Irwin had spoken to Andrea McKee the previous day and she told him that a young woman had witnessed the incident and had made allegations about a Reserve Constable. I remember that Andrea McKee came into the station with Tracey Clarke on 9 May and a statement was taken, which starts at page number **17327**. DC McAteer took that statement and I was present. Tracey related to us what she saw on the night of 26/27 April 1997 and what she knew of the involvement of Reserve Constable Atkinson. Andrea McKee was present when Tracey Clarke commenced giving the statement but I cannot be certain if she remained throughout the entirety of the interview. I remember thinking that we needed to keep both of these women on board for the purpose of the investigation. Although Andrea McKee was not a witness to the incident she could be a witness to the allegation against Reserve Constable Atkinson. I do not remember the details but we would have considered taking a statement from Andrea McKee at the appropriate time.
20. My impression of Tracey Clarke was that she was apprehensive about making the statement so it was a case of reassuring her to tell the truth as she knew it. She was a nervous and vulnerable young girl and I realised we needed to speak to her parents. DC McAteer and I took Tracey Clarke home after she had made her statement. At Tracey's house we spoke to her parents to put their minds at rest about the process and Tracey's safety. I do not believe I was aware of the link between Andrea McKee's husband and the Clarkes. I continued to have dealings with Tracey Clarke and her mother [REDACTED] Clarke after 10 May 1997 but had nothing further to do with Andrea McKee. If Mrs Clarke ever called the station for me, I basically dropped everything and went to her so there was very good follow-up with her. I never thought Tracey would not give her evidence and I don't recall being aware that she was being intimidated. DCS McBurney and I discussed what should be done to protect Tracey and some attempts were made to relocate her and find her work and alternative accommodation. The