

murder. The decision to arrest and charge each case was that of DCS McBurney.

27. I have been shown an action record page **15635**, which refers to my briefing Detective Constables **P24** and McCrumlish on 11 May 1997, to search the home of Thomas Hanvey, Allister Hanvey's uncle. I cannot now remember briefing the officers but accept that I did so. During interview Allister Hanvey had said that he visited his uncle's address it would therefore have been logical to have searched that address.
28. I can recall that evidence came back to us from Lawrence Marshall of FSNI, which linked Stacey Bridgett to a blood spot found on Robert Hamill's jeans. The investigation team discussed that. I am told that Wayne Lunt's fingerprint was found on a tonic wine bottle but I cannot now recall that. I cannot recall why this additional evidence was not put to Bridgett and Lunt at the time.
29. There was also a complaint investigation which was supervised by the ICPC by Mr [REDACTED]. That is recorded in the policy book page **916** and I remember DCS McBurney telling me to make a full note of the first meeting with Mr [REDACTED]. Obviously there were then two investigations ongoing and we decided with Mr [REDACTED] how we would approach them. It was that the murder investigation would clearly take priority. That meeting was on 12 May 1997 and is referred to at page **926**. We also recognised there would be a crossover with the complaint. I also remember we discussed the investigation into Reserve Constable Atkinson. We were conscious that the three investigations would overlap and we would get evidence from one which related to the others. Mr [REDACTED] was aware of that and was content to let the murder take precedence. We were not, however, actually investigating Reserve Constable Atkinson at that time. We needed to keep the police officers on board as well as the civilian witnesses. We did not consider including Robert Atkinson as part of the murder investigation; we believed it would be better to deal with them separately.

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