

5. I believe that the assault investigation was being run by Detective Inspector Irwin and although I cannot now remember, papers served on me by the Inquiry indicate that a manual investigation system was being used for the collation of evidence and recording of actions for enquiry. From my recollection the assault was being treated as a serious incident from the outset.
6. I have recorded in my notebook [page **73920**] on 29 April 1997 that I was engaged on the investigation into the assault, "*carried out inquiries with DC Keys re interviewing witnesses, Portadown, Belfast who may have witnessed assault. Conference at 5pm re same held by DI Irwin.*" I did not record the details of the witnesses in my notebook. These details would have been recorded on action record sheets.
7. I was engaged on enquiries linked to the investigation and it was the norm to have morning conferences and briefings usually taken by DI Irwin or one of the Detective Sergeants. I cannot now remember if Detective Chief Inspector **P39** was present at those briefings. At these conferences updates were given on the condition of Robert Hamill and I can remember that his injuries although serious did not appear to be life threatening.
8. I have been shown an action record sheet No.46 [page **14089**] which was allocated to me on 30 April 1997 and required me to identify, interview and take a statement from a Colin Prunty. On the bottom of the form in the section 'result of action' I can identify my handwriting where I have written, "*Colin Prunty spoken to on 3/5/97 and re-visited on 6/5/97 re movements on 26/27th April 1997 – details attached.*" I recall the name of this witness and that I did make enquiries with him on at least a couple of occasions. Although I now cannot remember him physically as a witness I do remember that he wasn't very forthcoming with me and wanted to distance himself from what had happened. I submitted that action on 7 May 1997 and having looked at the action [page **14090**] I can see that a witness statement and a questionnaire was taken from him but I cannot recall what he had to say as a witness.
9. Arising from the inquiry on 7 May 1997 with Prunty I submitted a message form [page **2308**] relating to a potential witness Maureen McCoy. This would have been the normal