

contained in my report at page **2887**. I requested that contact be made with Michael McKee. Enquiries were made to trace the source of the letter and the bullet but without success.

33. On 12th December 2000 DCS McBurney and I had a further meeting with Chris Mahaffey from PONI. My report of this meeting is at pages **2902** to **2905**. DCS McBurney left the meeting part way through. I have been asked why he left. I do not know why DCS McBurney left the meeting. During the course of the meeting Mr Mahaffey was asking questions directed at DCS McBurney about actions carried out during the 1997 investigation in respect of Andrea McKee.
34. Mr Mahaffey then stated that if I had considered the issue of Andrea McKee in the interview of Tracey Clarke as relevant, why didn't DCS McBurney and DI Irwin do more in terms of the alibi that she subsequently provided in 1997. I indicated to Mr Mahaffey that any questions he would have about the investigation that was conducted in 1997 in relation to Robert Atkinson and the McKees would have to be directed to DCS McBurney. I have not been involved in the investigation and had no knowledge of it prior to June 2000.
35. I have been shown part of a document entitled "Chronology of events following the assault of Robert Hamill" which I am told was prepared by PONI. The document is at **26873** to **26883**. I have been directed to an entry at page **26878** for 12th December 2000 which states that I expressed concern as to the way in which the original murder investigation was handled by DCS McBurney and DI Irwin.
36. I take exception to the record on this chronology. It does not reflect totally and accurately what was discussed. I did say to Mr Mahaffey that if he had concerns about how DCS McBurney and DI Irwin were thinking and approaching issues at that time then it was a matter for him as the supervising officer. I believe my report of the meeting reflects more accurately what was said. I did not express concern about the conduct of the investigation and the conduct of DCS McBurney and DI Irwin at any stage.