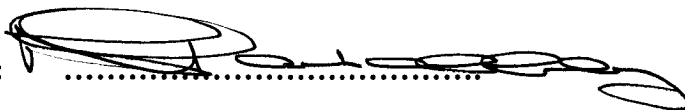


this meeting to deal with Andrea McKee through the courts and how she could be used as a witness was fully discussed.

45. The PSNI encountered difficulties mounting the surveillance operation and this in turn delayed the arrest phase of the operation. Mr. Wood spoke to the Chief Constable about this issue.
46. Arrests were made on 10 April 2001 and Ombudsman officers were involved in the interview process. The surveillance operation was compromised after a very short period. I never found out why it had been compromised. I did discuss with David Wood whether we should investigate any possible leak but with over 50 officers involved it was an impossible task.
47. The investigation progressed with regular meetings and discussions between the SIO his deputy and me which are recorded in my action log. Andrea and Michael McKee admitted their parts in the conspiracy; they were later convicted and sentenced. A decision was reached by the DPP on 18 October 2002 to prosecute Robert Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson and Kenneth Hanvey. The investigation was a thorough inquiry managed by DCI K. Unfortunately the case did not proceed to trial because of the decision by DPP and Counsel not to use Andrea McKee as a witness of truth following her non attendance at a preliminary hearing.
48. The allegations against Timothy Jameson were explored by DCI K and a file submitted but as I have previously said the evidence against him was very limited because of P20 being unable to recall what happened in 1997 and G not being present when P20 briefed DCS McBurney and DCI P39.

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