

RUC (DISCIPLINE AND DISCIPLINARY APPEALS) REGULATIONS 1988 (AS AMENDED)  
RUC RESERVE (PART-TIME) (DISCIPLINE AND DISCIPLINARY APPEALS) REGULATIONS 1988  
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NOTICE OF REPORT, ALLEGATION OF COMPLAINT - PERSONAL EXPLANATION

To: [Member]: GODFREY SILCOCK Rank: R/Constable Reg No: R 13583 DCU: Craigavon

As required by the above legislation you are hereby informed in writing that a report allegation or complaint has been made against you by:

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

DETAILS OF REPORT, ALLEGATION OR COMPLAINT:-

It is alleged that on 27 April 1997 at Market Street, Portadown, following a serious assault on Robert Hamill which resulted in his death, you neglected your duty as a police officer in that whilst you removed glass away from the area of a man's head you took no appropriate action to secure and preserve same in accordance with Force instructions.

It is further alleged that you neglected your duty as a police officer by failing at an early stage to preserve the scene for expert examination in accordance with Force instructions.

It is further alleged that you in accordance with Force instructions failed to effect or arrange, the early arrests of an identified suspect or suspects with regard to this incident or consider the seizure of clothing belonging to this suspect or suspects for the purpose of forensic examination. This resulted in the loss of valuable forensic and identification evidence.

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You do not have to say anything but I must caution you that if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings, it may harm your defence. You may, if you so desire, make a written or oral statement to the Investigating Officer or the Chief Constable or the Police Authority, as appropriate. Anything you mention when questioned or any written or oral statement you may give may be given in evidence at such disciplinary proceedings.

If notice is served on you by an officer other than the Investigating Officer, you will be interviewed by the Investigating Officer in due course.

You have the right to consult a 'friend' at all stages of the investigation.

Date: 27 June 2001

Signed: K Kennedy

Rank: Superintendent

K KENNEDY  
(Investigating Officer)

I acknowledge that I have been served with the original of this notice.

Date: 28/6/01

Signed: G Silcock

Rank: R/Constable

(Member concerned)

Please Note: that in cases reported for decision as to prosecution at a criminal court no further disciplinary steps will be taken against you until the Director of Public Prosecutions has given his direction and, if he gives directions to prosecute you, that no further disciplinary steps will be taken until the outcome of the trial is known.

**COMPLAINT BY: CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Because of the shortfalls in the investigative processes a number of persons were subsequently acquitted at court of serious criminal offences.

In addition as a result of the aforementioned allegations you have brought the reputation of the Force into disrepute and your actions were contrary to the Force Ethics on Professional Policing.

Date: 27 June 2001

Signed: K Kennedy

Rank: Superintendent

**K KENNEDY**  
(Investigating Officer)

I acknowledge that I have been served with the original of this notice.

Date: 28/6/01

Signed: G. J. ...

Rank: R/L ...

(Member concerned)

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