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Thankyou for the update, copy forwarded to Command Secretariat
for the information of the Chief Constable.

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R/CONSTABLE ROBERT ATKINSON

TO: D/CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

SOUTH REGION CID

Please see attached progress report which I hand delivered to
Mr Greg Mullan at the offices of the Ombudsman of Police
Complaints in Belfast on Monday 6 November 2000 as directed.

Please return the document to me for inclusion on the HOLMES
account.

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D/CHIEF INSPECTOR [REDACTED]

EXT NO: [REDACTED]

PROGRESS REPORT IN RELATION TO THE RE-INVESTIGATION OF R/CONSTABLE
ROBERT ATKINSON

In consequence of the meeting with ICPC representatives on Thursday 2 November 2000, this report briefly outlines the investigative objectives and current lines of enquiry which are currently being pursued in light of the statements which were made by Andrea McKee on 20 June 2000 and 25 October 2000 (see copies attached).

INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES

1. To present evidence which will corroborate the allegation made by Andrea McKee on 20 June 2000 and further corroborate other matters arising in a further statement made by Andrea McKee on 25 October 2000.
2. To present evidence which will prove that the account given by Robert Atkinson in 1997 regarding the phone calls made from his home to the Hanvey home (which was supported by others) was false.

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3. To present evidence which will confirm the statement of Tracey Clarke, dated 10 May 1997, in which she alleged at that time that Alistair Hanvey

* Had been contacted by Robert Atkinson on the morning of 27 April and advised to dispose of the clothing that he was wearing at the time of the assault upon Mr Hamill.

* Had been contacted by Robert Atkinson on a number of occasions between 27 April 1997 and 9 May 1997 "to keep him up to date with the police investigation".

CURRENT LINES OF ENQUIRY

1. The re-interview of Andrea McKee which was conducted on 25 October 2000 (see interview plan and statement of Andrea McKee attached).
2. Enquiries with persons named in Andrea McKee's statement (25 October 2000) to establish who visited her home on the night in question. This will corroborate Andrea McKee's statement that they were not at Atkinson's as they falsely claimed in 1997. This will include further enquiries with Taxi drivers who delivered and collected fares from McKee's home address.
3. Further enquiries regarding the movements of Alistair Hanvey on the night in question following the incident. Hanvey had claimed that he had walked to his Uncle's house in Killycomain in Portadown alone after the incident. Evidence of various persons who were interviewed in 1997 would indicate that Hanvey had went to a house party after the incident. Further enquiries have been raised to investigate this contradiction /and to establish

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Hanvey's movements after the house party. It is relevant to establish exactly where Hanvey was at the time that Atkinson made the phone call to the Hanvey home.

4. Interviews of Michael McKee's close relations to establish what they knew about Atkinson's actions and the conspiracy that was planned between the Atkinsons and McKees to cover the phone call. (See attached statements of [REDACTED] (sister), [REDACTED] (brother) and [REDACTED] (sister-in-law)).
5. Interviews with R/Constable David McCaw (retired and currently visiting relatives in Australia at the time of making this report) and other Police Officers regarding contacts with Andrea McKee prior to and including the interview of Tracey Clarke (8/9 May 1997). The relevance of this to the current investigation is that if Andrea McKee did have knowledge of what Clarke had been told by Hanvey concerning Atkinson, then if Atkinson's story for the phone call had been correct, McKee would have been in a position at that time to make a comment on the allegation about the phone call to the Police Officers that she spoke to. It would appear at the time of making this report that she made no comments to Police Officers to indicate that (1) her husband and her were at Atkinson's home at the time in question and (2) her husband Michael McKee had made the phone call. This would tend to suggest that the alibi later given by McKees' was false.
6. Further interviews with Police Officers to establish what information Atkinson did supply in addition to his statement at that time and to establish the exact time when Atkinson left the Police Station that morning to return home. (The call is recorded at 8.37am. Atkinson's notebook indicates that he went off duty at

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8.00am. An overtime claim form completed by Atkinson appears to have been amended with Tippex and changed from 0745 to 0845).

7. Further enquiries with [REDACTED], Solicitor acting for the Hamill family, and [REDACTED] of the CAJ regarding the source of anonymous phone calls which are alleged to have been made by a Police Officer and which is highlighted in the CAJ paper 'See No Evil, Hear No Evil'. The relevance of this is to establish if there was a Police Officer who was in a position at that time to know what Atkinson is alleged to have done and to establish how this person came by this knowledge.
8. Further enquiries with the Senior Investigating Officer and other witnesses to establish why Tracey Clarke retracted her evidence and to establish if Atkinson, McKee or Hanvey had any influence in her decision.
9. Financial lines of enquiry to financially position Robert Atkinson and Michael McKee at the relevant times and to identify any significant financial transaction between Atkinson and the Hanveys which may have relevance to this investigation.
10. Further analytical work on telephones and enquiries regarding prison visits to Hanvey. In his regard, further enquiries are being conducted at Northern Ireland Electricity and Unidare Plastics in Portadown where Kenneth Hanvey, Eleanor Atkinson and Alistair Hanvey worked in 1997. This information will be beneficial in establishing the nature and scale of contact between these people and to interrupt telephone analysis.
11. Further enquiries regarding the purchase of a silver jacket by Tracey Clarke which she gave to Alistair Hanvey as a Christmas present in 1996. Although Alistair Hanvey claimed that he was

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wearing an all black jacket on the night in question, a Police Officer at the scene did name Hanvey and described Hanvey as wearing a jacket with grey sleeves.

12. Further enquiries concerning a sequence of telephone calls (which included calls from Atkinson's home, Portadown Police Station and people by the name of Clayton) to a common point at a Nursing Home in Portadown. The significance of this is unclear, however Robert Atkinson did name a girl called Victoria Clayton who he said was seen wiping blood from Stacey Bridgetts' face. Stacey Bridgett was later charged with murder. Atkinson did not volunteer this information until the following day 28 April 1997 when he was spoken to by a Detective Sergeant. Victoria Clayton's name and telephone number were noted in a telephone book of Irene Clarke's when she was interviewed recently. Other enquiries are being conducted with regards to various numbers contacted over this period by Atkinson and McKee.
13. Further enquiries with Mr Sean Hagan, Solicitor regarding (a) the payment of the Solicitor's bill for Mr Hagan's representation of Michael and Andrea McKee and (b) the arrangements which were made for Andrea McKee to attend his Office on 29 October 1997 to make the statement in support of Atkinson.

This investigation is being currently managed on HOLMES and since the re-investigation was directed, 168 investigative actions have been allocated and a further number are to be allocated.

Please find attached:-

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Statements of Andrea Louise McKee dated 20 June 2000 and 25 October 2000

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 1 November 2009

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 1 November 2000

Statement of [REDACTED] dated 1 November 2000

Analytical strategy regarding the analysis of itemised telephone billings

The Interview Plan in respect of the re-interview of Andrea McKee

Forwarded at the request of the ICPC. I would request that this material be dealt with as confidential and should not be discussed with any other party without first speaking with the Senior Investigating Officer in this investigation.

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D/CHIEF INSPECTOR

6 NOVEMBER 2000