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SUBJECT* MURDER OF ROBERT HAMILL, DOB 12 9 71 OF


(Nature of offences, [REDACTED] AT THOMAS STREET/

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venue, persons MARKET STREET ON 27 APRIL 1997.
involved)

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PETTY SESSIONS CRAIGAVON
DISTRICT*
WHERE OFFENCE CRAIGAVON
COMMITTED

DATE OF OFFENCE* 27 APRIL 1997 - 8 MAY 1997
DATE REPORT
SUBMITTED JULY 1997

REPORTING OFFICER*	NAME	M IRWIN
(Include the name	RANK AND NUMBER	DETECTIVE INSPECTOR 15170
of an alternative	STATION	PORTADOWN
officer who is fully	SUB-DIVISION	PORTADOWN
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DIVISION 'J'

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

FOR CONTACT

PERSONS REPORTED*

SURNAME FORBES

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FORENAMES DEAN

for each person

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

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ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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ANTECEDENT HISTORY*

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(Summarise relevant information eg marital status, employment, associates, mental or physical abnormalities. Give physical description where identification is at issue)

Subject is a single man who lives with his parents. He is employed as a painter/decorator.

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SURNAME	BRIDGETT
FORENAMES	STACEY
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marital status, Subject is a single man and is employed as a
employment, roofer.
associates, mental
or physical
abnormalities.

Give physical description where identification is at issue)

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SURNAME

HOBSON

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PAUL RODNEY MARC

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Subject is a single man and is employed as a
Machine Operator. He has very short hair and a
"goatee beard" and would be described as
overweight. He is known as "Muck".

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(Summarise relevant information eg marital status, employment, associates, mental or physical abnormalities.

Subject is a single man who lives with his parents. He is employed as a Machine Operator. He has a 2nd degree black belt in a martial art.

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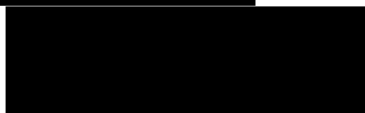
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WAYNE DAVID

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associates, mental

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PERSONS REPORTED*

SURNAME

ROBINSON

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RORY RANDOLPH ARTHUR

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SURNAME

WOODS

FORENAMES

DAVID WILLIAM THOMAS

DATE OF BIRTH

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ALLEN

FORENAMES

ANDREW GEORGE

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

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Subject is a single man who lives with his
parents. His nickname is "Fonz" or "Fonzy".

Give physical
description where
identification is
at issue)

OUTLINE OF CASE*

(Give salient facts in chronological order with clarity and brevity.
Do not merely repeat witness statements. Where more than one person
reported summarise the case against each.

Whilst the aim should be to summarise the facts on one page, a
continuation page may be used if it is necessary for the inclusion of

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all the salient facts.)

1 This file relates to the alleged murder of ROBERT HAMILL, DOB: 12 9 71, 25 years, of [REDACTED]. This person died as a result of a Sectarian assault which took place at the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street on 27 April 1997 at approximately 1 50 am. At that time Robert Hamill was beaten unconscious, he was removed to Craigavon Area Hospital, further transferred on the same night to the Royal Victoria Hospital where he died on 8 May 1997. Robert Hamill remained unconscious throughout this period. There are conflicting accounts of how the incident arose.

2 At the time of the incident a Police landrover, containing four Police Officers, was located a short distance away at the junction of Market Street/Woodhouse Street. A complaint against Police "inactivity" has been submitted by a sister of the deceased, DIANE HAMILL, through her Solicitor, [REDACTED] which was received on 9 May 1997. As a result of this and although witness statements were originally recorded from the Police Officers concerned, they have since been formally cautioned for Criminal Neglect of Duty. An investigation is being carried out by Detective Chief Superintendent McBURNEY which is being supervised by the Independent Commission for Police Complaints and in which a separate DPP file will be submitted.

3 On the weekend of the 10th/11th May 1997 and as a result of enquiries the following persons were arrested and charged with

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the murder of Robert Hamill:-

- (1) DEAN FORBES, DOB [REDACTED] Painter/Decorator of [REDACTED]
- (2) STACEY BRIDGETT, DOB [REDACTED] Roofer of [REDACTED]
- (3) ALLISTER HANVEY, DOB [REDACTED] Machine Operator of [REDACTED]
- (4) PAUL RODNEY MARC HOBSON, DOB [REDACTED] Machine Operator [REDACTED]
- (5) WAYNE DAVID LUNT, DOB [REDACTED], Labourer of [REDACTED]
- (6) RORY RANDOLPH ARTHUR ROBINSON, DOB [REDACTED], Fitter/Welder [REDACTED]

A further two persons were arrested on 15 May 1997, namely:-

- (7) ANDREW GEORGE ALLEN, DOB [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
- (8) DAVID WOODS, DOB [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]

Both above have since been released unconditionally to be reported.

4 In relation to Nos 1-6 all appeared before Craigavon Magistrates Court, were remanded in custody and to date no High Court bail applications have been submitted.

5 The evidence against those charged relies solely on witness accounts and in addition Bridgett is forensically linked to Hamill's clothing via a DNA blood examination.

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A ninth person namely a [REDACTED] of

[REDACTED] was arrested on 6 May 1997 regarding the incident but he has been totally eliminated from the enquiry.

6 BACKGROUND TO INCIDENT

At the time of the incident, Robert Hamill, 25 years, was accompanied by the following - A [REDACTED] (29 years) who was also assaulted but received relatively minor injuries;

[REDACTED] 's wife, [REDACTED] (29 years) and her sister,

[REDACTED] 31 years. In their immediate company was a COLIN MARTIN PRUNTY, 28 years and his girlfriend, MAUREEN McCOY. They were wearing the following clothing, which is important for the reader as a number of witnesses describe clothing worn rather than the names of the personalities involved.

Robert Hamill - 3/4 length leather jacket, blue jeans, check shirt

[REDACTED] - Blue/white striped shirt and navy Levi jeans

Colin Prunty - Dark blue shirt, black dress type trousers, he has sandy coloured hair and was also believed to be wearing a tie.

[REDACTED] - Black leather coat, denim shirt, black silk trousers.

[REDACTED] - Cream jacket, cream top, cream coloured Levi cords.

Maureen McCoy - Dark blue coloured half jacket.

In addition a COLIN HULL who become involved in the incident was wearing a grey Umbro jersey/sweatshirt.

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All of the above had just left St Patrick's Hall, Social Club which is located at 47 Thomas Street. On the night in question there had been a function for a local pool team. The majority of persons leaving the Hall, who would have been of the Catholic religion, arranged for lifts home. This hall itself is located in a street, off the main town centre edging onto a Protestant area. The most direct route on foot into the Catholic Housing Estates would be along Thomas Street, across the main shopping street which is Market Street/High Street and along Woodhouse Street. The entrance to Woodhouse Street is almost vertically opposite Thomas Street. This "Crossroads" and in particular the junction of Market Street/Woodhouse Street is regularly an area where sectarian conflict arises, thus Police are detailed for duty reference Public Order offences.

7 Since Robert Hamill's death, the vast majority of "Catholic" witnesses have declined to co-operate with the Police investigation. They have referred Police enquiries through their Solicitor, [REDACTED] who has declined to return numerous phone calls and has not responded to a 'Recorded Delivery' letter. (Copy attached Part IV Pages 315 - 317). As a result there are a number of important issues which have not been resolved or clarified. In addition a number of witnesses, in particular a Colin Hull and a DERMOT McNIECE have declined to make witness statements. Colin Hull was originally conveyed to Craigavon Area Hospital from the scene.

8 In relation to the Protestant crowd, this main party comprised of

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personalities who had returned from the Coach Inn, Banbridge and who had debussed at what is described as the "bottom of the town". A vast majority of these persons would have walked along High Street/Market Street on route to their homes or other house parties. A number of them would have been in possession of alcoholic drinks which they left on the bus when initially travelling to the Coach Inn. This would be a weekly occurrence and the majority of people would be aware of the other individuals identities. Following this assault a number of the accused made their way for a house party at a TRACY McALPINE'S at [REDACTED].

9 As a result of this incident an investigation was initiated to establish the identities of all persons in the town centre and gather evidence against persons involved. To assist proformas were completed (Part IV Page 331 - 382). Due to the fact that this was a sectarian attack and the climate in the Portadown area between the two traditions, possible witnesses have declined to elaborate on the events of the night in question. They distance themselves from the actual incident and a number of them have declined to make witness statements. I am in no doubt that some of these personalities, will if required, come forward at a later date to support a number of those charged. Of all the Protestant personalities located in the vicinity, two have made witness statements, which link the accused with Robert Hamill. I intend to refer to these two witnesses as Witness A and Witness B. A sealed envelope regarding these persons is attached to this file. I am again in no doubt, that the account these persons

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have given is factual, however, I believe they will in the forthcoming months be subjected to pressure to retract their evidence. Both would be vulnerable to any form of intimidation.

10 In relation to the Police evidence, from the personnel in the landrover, all made witness statements on 27th April 1997. In addition Detective Sergeant LAWTHER spoke to Constable NEILL, Reserve Constable CORNETT and Reserve Constable P40 in order to clear up a number of points from their original statements. These were recorded in note form and are placed in Part II of this file accompanying their respective statements.

11 To assist the reader in identifying where the injured parties were located following the assault, from statements available, I would suggest Robert Hamill was located in the centre of Market Street (indicated on Photo 9 ARN1) whilst D was located closer to the actual Market Street/Thomas Street junction and closer to the Eastwoods building (Photo 3 ARN1). In addition points indicated on a map by a witness (JRH3, Part III Page 4) supports this opinion.

12 EVIDENCE

WITNESSES AT SCENE

A THOMAS GERARD MALLON (Part II, Page 2 - 4) outlines leaving St Patrick's Hall and making his way across Market Street/High Street. Due to the activity in the area he approached a Police landrover and advised them regarding other persons leaving St Patrick's premises. At this time he was approached by two

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persons, known to Police to be a Stacey Bridgett and a Dean Forbes. He felt threatened by their behaviour, but following a short exchange of words he walked along Woodhouse Street. He was aware Police from the landrover were close to these two persons. He then met a Colin Hull and another unidentified person in Woodhouse Street before making his way home. His detail in the timing of leaving St Patrick's Hall is not correct, however, this can be ascertained through other witnesses.

13 **D** (Part II Page 5 - 6) outlines leaving St Patrick's Hall in the company of his wife, **E**, her sister **F** and a Robert Hamill. He recalls seeing a number of persons at the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street. He relates he was suddenly attacked and he awoke in Craigavon Area Hospital. He can give no detail of his assailants. He relates he had 6-8 pints over the course of the night. He was released from hospital on the same date, 27 April 1997. His injuries which were minor were photographed. (ARN2)

14 **E** (Part II Page 7 - 8) outlines a similar account as that of her husband. In addition she relates that two couples were a short distance in front of them (believed to be Colin Prunty and girlfriend, Maureen McCoy). As she approached the junction these persons were crossing the central reservation of Market Street. At the junction she outlines Robert and **D** being attacked by 20 - 30 persons. After the attack she lay across **D** who was unconscious and she saw Robert Hamill being kicked around the head. After the incident

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she was advised by a Policeman (Reserve Constable Silcock) to place D in the "recovery position". She is unable to give details of any of the persons involved in the attack.

15 F (Part II Page 9 - 11) supports the previous accounts. She relates as they started to cross the main street they were attacked by a crowd of about 30 persons. She outlines the attack on Robert Hamill and then giving assistance to Robert by placing a jacket under his head and asking Police at the landrover for help. She is unable to give any detailed description of persons involved and relates nothing was said or done to provoke the attack.

16 COLIN PRUNTY (Part II, Page 12 - 15, Part IV Page 365 - 366) outlines having consumed 6 to 7 pints of Bass over the period of the night. On leaving St Patrick's Hall at around 1 30 am and accompanied by his girlfriend, Maureen McCoy he outlines them walking along Thomas Street. D E and F were in front of him and ahead of them was Robert Hamill. On seeing a landrover parked in Market Street he felt they were safe. He then heard persons shouting sectarian remarks and saw a crowd of about 30 persons attacking Robert Hamill. He relates that a large number of these persons came from the left hand side of the Market Street/Thomas Street junction. He outlines approximately 15 - 20 persons "violently" kicking at Robert Hamill. He relates that both D and himself ran down towards this crowd. He did not see D getting hit but saw him lying on the ground. The attackers were shouting, "Kill him, kill him." He

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felt helpless in the situation but related Police had got out of the landrover and were over at the crowd. He outlines seeing the Police place a person in the back of the Police landrover who was wearing a Rangers scarf (identified as Wayne Lunt). He alleges that this person kicked Robert but can't state exactly whereabouts on Robert's body. A short time later he saw Lunt being released from the landrover and he approached a Policewoman to voice his concern. He relates that his girlfriend, Maureen McCoy was cradling Robert Hamill with Robert's head in her lap and emphasised the point that Lunt was kicking Robert Hamill whilst he lay unconscious on the road.

17 MAUREEN MCCOY, (Part II, Page 16 - 20) account of the incident is different from those already stated. She relates leaving the hall with Colin Prunty and making their way along Thomas Street. In Thomas Street she outlines having a conversation with F [REDACTED] who was accompanied by E [REDACTED] and D [REDACTED] and a Robert Hamill. She was warned by F [REDACTED] that there was a crowd at Thomas Street/Market Street junction and not to proceed any further. Maureen relates seeing approximately 10 - 15 persons at the junction and also a Police landrover at the Woodhouse junction. She and Prunty decided to proceed and she was aware of being followed by Hamill and the DEF [REDACTED] family. She relates that as they approached the crowd they were called, "Fenian Bastards" and that persons behind her were being attacked. She then made her way to the corner of this junction where she had a conversation with a number of females. She was aware of fighting going on in the vicinity of the junction.

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Following the attack she gave assistance to a person she became aware was Robert Hamill and describes seeing a person in the back of the landrover (Lunt) who was released shortly afterwards. She is unable to describe any of the persons involved in the attack.

18 Statements of a [REDACTED] (St Patrick's Hall) (Part II, Page 1) outlining the function and an [REDACTED] (Part II, Page 21 - 22) who had previously been in the company of the [DEF] are attached but are irrelevant to the incident.

The following persons namely Colin Hull, (Part IV, Page 14 - 15) and Dermott McNeice, (Part IV, Page 16 - 17) have declined to make witness statements.

19 WILLIAM DAVID JONES, (Part II, Page 26 - 30) resides with his girlfriend, CAROL ANN WOODS in a flat in [REDACTED] which overlooks the Thomas Street/Market Street junction. (Photos PRM1). He describes at approximately 2 00 am on 27 May 1997 seeing 3 - 4 males accompanied by 3 women running down Thomas Street towards the junction. He describes one of the these persons, who fits the description of Robert Hamill, hit a person standing at the junction who he became aware was his girlfriend's brother, [REDACTED] (This person is the subject of a report in this file). Both made their way to their front door and brought David Woods back to their flat. On going back to his window he saw two persons lying on the road who he believed were two of the party he had initially seen in Thomas Street. Two females were beside these males. Other persons were in the

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vicinity and he did hear abusive remarks being shouted.

20 CAROL ANN WOODS (Part II, Page 31 - 35) supports her boyfriend's account and describes two separate groups at the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street who she believed were on friendly terms. She corroborates Jones' account in relation to her brother David. She has indicated on a map marked JRH3 (Part III, Page 4) a point where she first saw her brother and two other points where the injured parties were located at the junction.

21 P45 (Part II, Page 39 - 40) a flat occupant describes the fight and seeing a person (Lunt) being placed in a Police landrover but is unable to relate if he was involved in the incident.

22 STEPHEN THORNBERRY, (Part II, Page 41 - 43) a staff member of Jameson Bar, describes persons coming along Thomas Street shouting and the windows and shutters being banged. On looking out he describes two groups squaring up to each other, he then returned to another window and saw the two injured persons lying in the street. He was unable to give any description of the assailants involved.

23 A further three members of staff namely, BEVERLEY IRWIN, DEREK LYTTLE and JULIE SHERWOOD declined to make statements. Their accounts are outlined on action sheets, (Part IV, Pages 1 - 3, 22 - 23). They may at some later stage come forward on behalf of any defence case. In addition a (Part IV,

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Page 4 - 5) is in a similar position.

24 WITNESS A, describes being in the town centre at the time of the incident. The witness observed the following persons kicking a person, who had been lying on the centre of the road, around the head and body and also jump all over him. These persons are named as Dean Forbes, Allister Hanvey, Stacey Bridgett, Rory Robinson and "Muck" (now known to be Marc Hobson). The witness describes attacks on the other injured person but is unable to name any persons involved. (It should be noted Robert Hamill, can be placed by his location indicated by other witnesses as being the injured party being subjected to the attack by the above-named person). In addition, E [REDACTED] who was with D [REDACTED] outlines being approached by a female after the incident (now identified as MICHELLE JAMESON). This is also outlined in Witness A's account and who the witness associated with the other injured party.

25 WITNESS B, describes being in the town centre at the time of the incident. The witness outlines seeing Allister Hanvey kick and punch a person lying on the ground. This was to the chest area and from the description of the injured party and his location it can be inferred that this was Robert Hamill. The witness also saw a Fonzy (now known to be Andrew Allen) kick the same injured party in the face and during both assaults the injured party didn't move.

26 In addition the witness observes a Marc (also known to him as Muck), who lives in [REDACTED]. He also gives a description

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which fits that of Marc Hobson. He describes this person fighting with a person in an Umbro sweater (believed to be a Colin Hull) and another person in blue shirt and tie (believed to be Colin Prunty). The witness sees Rory Robinson and Dean Forbes fighting and saw Stacey Bridgett with a burst nose.

27 It is believed that the vast majority of people located in the town centre area have been identified and spoken to. As already stated the vast majority of these people attempt to distance themselves from the events or are vague in their accounts. Due to this fact the witnesses versions are often at variance with other witnesses who were in the same company.

28 In addition a number of persons who were in the company of the persons charged have also been spoken to and where possible, witness statements recorded or proformas completed.

29 The following witnesses are worthy of note and in order to assist the reader, I have linked the actual witness with the persons charged:-

30 DEAN FORBES:-

Pauline Newell, (Part II, Page 44 - 46) saw him in the town centre and again at her sister's, Tracy McAlpine's house after the incident.

Kelly Lavery, (Part II, Page 47 - 48) and IAN CARVILLE, (Part II, Page 75 - 76) saw Forbes at Tracy McAlpine's house

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after the incident. This is also confirmed by Tracy McAlpine,
(Part II, Page 49 - 50).

31 In addition a NEILL RITCHIE believes he spoke to Forbes in town
centre, (Part II, Page 101 - 103).

32 ALISON AND ANN BOWLES, (Part IV, Pages 6 - 8) confirm walking
past the Police landrover and when in vicinity of Abbey National
Building Society saw Forbes standing in the central traffic
reservation. They were unable to confirm if Police were out of
the landrover but there were crowds across the road and people
were running everywhere. They related they had a short
conversation with Forbes. At present they have declined to make
statements, however, they may do so for defence counsel at some
later stage, if required.

33 STACEY BRIDGETT

Pauline Newell, (Part II, Page 44 - 46) saw him in town centre.

JONATHAN WRIGHT, (Part II, Page 60 - 65) saw him in town centre
"trading punches" with one person.

STEVEN BLOOMER, (Part II, Page 80 - 81) saw him at
Tracy McAlpine's house after incident.

In addition VICTORIA CLAYTON, (Part IV, Page 9 - 11) attended to
his nose bleed. She has declined to make a statement.

34 ALLISTER HANVEY

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Jonathan Wright made two witness statements (Part II, Page 60-65) which outline his association with Allister Hanvey and Marc Hobson in the early part of the evening of 26th/27th April 1997, which is corroborated by the following statements:-

Philip Leckey, (Part II, Page 66),

Gregory Blevins, (Part II, Page 67),

Dean Johnston, (Part II, Page 68 - 69) and

Margaret Hobson (sister of Marc), (Part II, Pages 70 - 71).

35 Eventually Wright, Hanvey and Hobson walked towards the town centre where Hanvey became separated from the other two. Wright describes the clothing Hanvey was wearing which included a grey zipped tracksuit top which had orange stripes on both arms. This is contrary to Hanvey's description of his clothing and which Police did not locate. Wright's additional statement was more detailed reference the fighting and he alleges was made because of his conscience reference the full facts.

36 Pauline Newell, (Part II, Page 44 - 46)

Kelly Lavery, (Part II, Page 47 - 48) and

Steven Bloomer, (Part II, Page 80 - 81) saw him at

Tracy McAlpine's house. This is supported by Ian Carville, (Part II, Page 75 - 76) who thinks he walked with him to the house.

Thomas Hanvey, (Part II, Page 72 - 73) Uncle of accused relates Allister stayed with him at [REDACTED] on 27th April 1997, arriving home at 3 30 am or 4 00 am. He told his uncle there

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had been a fight in the town centre and that the following morning Kenneth, Allister's father called for him at about 9 30 am.

Kenneth and Elizabeth Hanvey were spoken to (Part IV, Page 12).

They declined to make statements, however, corroborated

Thomas Hanvey's account and described their son's clothing. They

related a Policeman (believed to be Reserve Constable Atkinson)

had asked Allister to assist in moving the crowd. (To date this

has not been confirmed). The Hanvey family have since received

a threatening letter (Part III, Page 1).

37 MARC HOBSON (MUCK)

Jonathan Wright (Part II, Page 60 - 65) as is described previous with the same corroborating witnesses. In addition Wright

originally related that Marc had stayed with him in the town

centre during the fighting. In his additional statement he

relates that Marc actually ran into the fighting crowd. He saw him being pushed and Marc reach out for somebody. He alleges he

did not see him hit this person. Following the incident Hobson

and Wright walked home together. Hobson then returned to

Dean Johnston's flat, (Part II, Page 68 - 69). He was on his own

and stayed the night. This is corroborated by Hobson's sister,

Leanne. (Part II, Page 70 - 71).

38 Ian Carville, (Part II, Page 75 - 76) account is somewhat

conflicting in which he relates Marc Hobson walked with him and

others to Tracy McAlpine's house.

39 WAYNE LUNT

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Michelle Jameson, (Part II, Page 87 - 91), Heidi Rainey, (Part II, Page 95 - 96) and Joanne Bradley, (Part II, Page 97 - 98) outline being in the company of Lunt at Jameson's house on 26th/27th April. A Mark Jameson (Part II, Page 92) supports this account. Jameson, Rainey and Lunt left this house together whereupon Lunt separated from them in West Street, Portadown. In addition it is believed a Lisa Hobson (Part IV, Page 337 - 338) was also in their company. Hobson originally related that on 29th April she had been at the Coach Inn, however, on 12th May 1997 she confirmed she was in the above company, however, remained very vague reference the town centre. From other enquiries her account is believed to be untruthful. An P51, (Part II, Page 110 - 111) confirms meeting Lunt in the company of Hobson and walking to the Chinese in West Street. They all then made their way to the summer seats at the Church. He alleges on seeing scuffles breaking out, he with others parted company with Lunt and Hobson. A P44 (Part II, Page 112) recalls seeing Lunt being sick whilst looking for Heidi Rainey. He had a short conversation with him. This was in the vicinity of West Street.

40 In addition Michelle Jameson describes approaching a female who was kneeling over one of the injured persons. From Jameson's description this is believed to have been E and

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41 RORY ROBINSON

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A Claire Glover, (Part II, Page 118 - 119) relates that she is Robinson's girlfriend and that both were at the Coach Inn on the night of 26th April 1997. They parted company as he got the bus back to Portadown.

Pauline Newell, (Part II, Page 44 - 46) saw Robinson in town centre with a Davy Woods and a person called, Fonzy. They were walking towards Thomas Street.

Jonathan Wright, (Part II, Page 60 - 65) saw Robinson during the fighting and describes him running around like a "headless chicken". He does not see him hit anyone.

42 DAVY WOODS

Pauline Newell's account, (Part II, Page 44 - 46) is as above. In addition his sister, Carol Anne Woods, (Part II, Page 31 - 37) and David Jones (Part II, Page 26 - 30) which already have been outlined support his movements. In addition his mother, Shirley Woods, (Part II, Page 38) confirms an injury to Woods' eye and David telling her about the incident.

43 ANDREW ALLEN (FONZY)

Pauline Newell's account (Part II, Page 44 - 46) is as above. In addition she saw him at Tracy McAlpine's house. This is supported by Tracy McAlpine, (Part II Page 49 - 50) and Ian Carville, (Part II, Page 75 - 76) who refers to him by his proper name.

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44 MEDICAL EVIDENCE AND EVIDENCE REFERENCE POST MORTEM IS COVERED
IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

David Morrow, Ambulanceman (Part II, Page 164 - 165)

Glen Stewart, Paramedic (Part II, Page 166 - 167)

B K Low, Casualty Officer, reference D (Part II, Page 168)

B K Low, Casualty Officer, reference Hamill (Part II, Page 169)

Urang J Patel, Specialist Registrar (Pronounced life extinct)
(Part II, Page 170)

Desmond Hamill, identification of body (Part II, Page 25)

Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] identification of body
(Part II, Page 241)

Detective Inspector [REDACTED] identification of body
(Part II, Page 242)

Mr [REDACTED], Post Mortem Photograph (Part II, Page 244)

Exhibit JMcC1

Mr [REDACTED] SOCO (Part II, Page 243) Exhibit RA 1-3

Professor Crane, State Pathologist (not attached).

His original findings were death due to a head injury.

The Medical Evidence in relation to Robert Hamill at the Royal
Victoria Hospital remains outstanding. Dr [REDACTED] obtained
samples of blood for DNA examination from the following persons:-
Dean Forbes, Stacey Bridgett and Rory Robinson, (Part II, Page 171
to 173 refers.)

Dr [REDACTED] obtained a sample of blood from David Woods,
(Part II; Page 174 refers)

45 Initial Police Response is outlined by Constable Neill,
Reserve Constable Cornett, Reserve Constable P40 and

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Reserve Constable Atkinson, (Part II, Pages 175 - 186).

This includes being approached by a male person (Thomas Mallon) and the officers talking to a Stacey Bridgett and Dean Forbes as a result of these persons approaching Mallon. Whilst Police were engaged in conversation with these persons they were alerted by a male person who approached the landrover's driver's door. On debusing they were confronted by a Public Order situation and each gave their accounts and involvement in trying to restore order and requesting ambulance assistance. In addition Constable Neill saw a person kick at Robert Hamill. He gave a full description of this person and as a result of an identification confrontation, (Part II, Page 315) this person was identified as Marc Hobson.

46 Evidence of notice of Police Complaint against these above officers is covered in the following statements:-

Detective Inspector R S Bradley, (Part II, Page 245)

Inspector [REDACTED] (Part II, Page 246 - 247)

Inspector [REDACTED] (Part II, Page 248)

47 Other Police responded to initial Police request.

Reserve Constable Silcock, (Part II, Page 189 - 192)

outlines on arriving at the scene assisting the relatives of the injured and giving advice on placing them in the recovery position. (He outlines that a person was indicated as being involved in the attack by one of the relatives. This has since been denied by the relative. Part IV, Page 13 refers).

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48 Constable Cooke, (Part II, Page 197 - 200) identifies

Stacey Bridgett who had a bloody nose and a Rory Robinson. He also identified a person who he initially believed was a [REDACTED] but who in fact was Marc Hobson putting the wrong surname to the face.

49 Reserve Constable Warnock (Part II, Page 201 - 202) identifies Allister Hanvey and in addition assists Constable ^A [REDACTED] in placing Wayne Lunt in the landrover.

50 Constable ^A [REDACTED] (Part II, Page 205 - 209) outlines her actions in relation to a Wayne Lunt and placing him in the landrover. He was released following details being obtained and she was then confronted by an unknown person reference this action. She also identifies Bridgett with his nose bleed and Dean Forbes in the crowd.

51 In addition statements were recorded from the following Police Officers at the scene reference their actions:-

Constable Godly, Communications Officer, (Part II, Page 187 - 188 and Part III SMG1).

Constable Adams, duties at scene (Part II, Page 193 - 194)

Reserve Constable Murphy, duties at scene (Part II, Page 195-196)

Constable Orr, duties at scene (Part II, Page 203 - 204)

Reserve Constable Burrows, duties at scene (Part II, Page 210-212)

Sergeant ^{P89} [REDACTED], Duty Sergeant and duties at scene (Part II Page 213 - 216)

Inspector McCrum, Duty Inspector and duties at scene

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(Part II, Page 217 - 218)

52. Scene Examination is outlined in the following:-

Constable A [REDACTED] Log Scene Officer (Part II, Page 205 - 209)

Constable [REDACTED] Log Scene Officer (Part II, Page 219)

Constable M Ardis, SOCO (Part II, Page 226 - 227)

Detective Constable J McDowell, CID at scene (Part II, Page 221)

Detective Constable D Keys, CID at scene (Part II, Page 222)

Detective Sergeant D Bradley, CID at scene (Part II, Page 225)

Mr [REDACTED] Photography at scene/injured person

(Part II, Page 228) Exhibit ARN1 and 2

Mr [REDACTED] Photography at scene (Part II, Page 240) Exhibit PRM1

Mr [REDACTED] Mapping (Part II, Page 237) Exhibit

Mr [REDACTED], Street Lighting, (Part II, Page 239)

53 A further examination of the scene took place on 10 June 1997 in which the landrover was resited by Constable Neill and Reserve Constable Atkinson following being cautioned for Criminal Neglect of Duty.

54 This evidence is covered in the following statements:-

Detective Inspector Irwin, duty at scene (Part II, Page 232-233)

Constable [REDACTED] video of scene, (Part II, Page 236) Exhibit

Mr [REDACTED] photographs of scene, (Part II, Page 229)

Exhibit ARN3

Mr [REDACTED] Mapper at scene, (Part II, Page 238) Exhibit

Mr [REDACTED], FSANI, (Not attached)

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55 The landrover in question was tested for sound levels again this took place at the scene on 16th/17th June, 1997.

This is covered in the following evidence:-

Detective Inspector M Irwin, duties at scene, (Part II, Page 234)

Detective Constable E Honeyford, duties at scene,

(Part II, Page 235)

Report from Mr J O'Boyle, Industrial Services Ltd,

(Part IV, Page 395 - 403)

BRIEFING REFERENCE ARRESTS contained in the following statements:-

Detective Sergeant Lawther, (Part II, Page 249)

Detective Inspector Irwin, (Part II, Page 250 - 251)

56 Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview and Charging in relation to

Dean Forbes is outlined in the following statements:-

Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of Clothing/Identification Mark SPC1), (Part II, Page 252)

Reserve Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of Clothing/Identification Mark SW1 - 8, (Part II, Page 253 - 254)

Detective Constable Lilly, (Arrest on 6th May 1997/Continuity of items), (Part II, Page 255)

Detective Constable Lilly, (Interview on 6th May 1997/ Identification Mark BL1 & 2), (Part II, Page 256)

Detective Constable Keys, (Interview on 6th May 1997/Transcript Identification Mark DGK6), (Part II, 257 - 258, Part III, Page 354 - 451)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Arrest on 10th May 1997) (Part II, PaGE 259)

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Detective Constable Keys, (Interview on 10th May 1997,
Identification Mark DGK4 & 5) (Part II, Page 260)

Detective [REDACTED] (Interview on 10th May 1997)

(Part II, Page 261 - 262, Part III, Page 452 - 553)

Detective Inspector Irwin, (Charging), (Part II, Page 263)

57 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND EVIDENCE

Forbes was originally arrested on 6th May 1997, reference Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent on Robert Hamill and again on 10th May 1997 reference Robert Hamill's death. During interview he related he was at the Police landrover and talking to Police when the incident arose. He became aware of it when he saw the Police driver being confronted by an unknown person. On walking towards the back of the landrover he was aware of persons fighting and he saw two persons getting kicked. During this time he alleges he was speaking to members of the Bowles family. He relates that Stacey Bridgett was with him at the landrover but that they then got separated. He later saw him in the town centre and he noticed Bridgett had an injury to his nose. He then went to a Tracy McAlpine's house on two occasions where he alleges he did not enter the house. On the advice of his Solicitor, [REDACTED] he declined to take part in an identification parade. During the course of the interview he totally denied the allegations of the witness evidence that he had took part in the assaults.

58 Evidence of Forbes' involvement is that of recognition by Witness A, who saw him with four others assault the deceased.

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These persons kicked the deceased on the head and body whilst he lay on the ground and they also jumped all over him. In addition Witness B observed Forbes punch a male (believed to be Colin Hull). I am in no doubt Forbes had the opportunity to become involved in the attack, however, he will use the Police and Bowles families as alibis during the start and progression of incident. He was also seen in the crowd being moved back by Constable A [REDACTED]

59 Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview/Charging in relation to Stacey Bridgett is outlined in following statements:-

Sergeant Bingham, (Search) on 6th May 1997, (Part II, Page 264)

Constable [REDACTED], (Log Keeper) on 6th May 1997,

(Part II, Page 265)

Constable P34 [REDACTED] (Seizure of clothing on 6th May 1997/

Identification Mark WAS1 - 8), (Part II, Page 266 - 267

Detective Constable D Keys, (Arrest on 6th May 1997/

Continuity of items and interview), (Part II, Page 268 - 269)

Detective Constable B Lilly, (Interview on 6th May 1997)

(Part II, Page 272)

Reserve Constable [REDACTED] Arrest on 10th May 1997,

(Part II, Page 271)

Constable [REDACTED] Arrest on 10th May 1997, (Part II, Page 273)

Detective Constable J McDowell, Arrest on 10th May 1997,

(Part II, Page 274)

Detective Constable E Williamson, (Interview on 10th May 1997,

Identification Mark EW1 & 2), (Part II, Page 275 and Part III,

Page 646 - 725)

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Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Interview on 10th May 1997)
(Part II, Page 276)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Continuity of Blood Sample),
(Part II, Page 376)

Detective Constable J McDowell, (Continuity of Blood Sample),
(Part II, Page 394)

Detective Inspector M Irwin, (Charging), (Part II, Page 277)

60 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Bridgett was originally arrested on 6th May 1997 reference Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent on Robert Hamill and again on 10th May 1997 reference Robert Hamill's death. During interview he related he had spoken to Police in a Police landrover and became aware of the Police driver being confronted by an unknown person. He became aware of a disorder and as he was in the vicinity of the landrover he was hit on the nose by an unknown male. He relates he crossed the main road to the area of Dorothy Perkins, a safe distance from the fighting. He then related he went straight home. He relates he had originally been in the company of Dean Forbes and again met him after the fighting. He totally denies being involved in any assaults, other than the injury being inflicted on him. He denies Constable Cooke's allegations of being "in the crowd" or seeing any persons lying on the road. He declined to name any other persons in the area. During interview his Solicitor, [REDACTED] was present.

61 Evidence of Bridgett's involvement is that of recognition by

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Witness A who saw him with four others assault the deceased as outlined in previous accused's summary. In addition there will be forensic evidence forthcoming to link blood from Bridgett to Hamill's clothing. He was also seen by Jonathan Wright "trading punches" with a male and was also seen at the front of the crowd by Constable Cooke when Police attempted to move them back.

62 Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview/Charging in relation to

Allister Hanvey is outlined in following statements:-

Constable M Porter, Seizure of Clothing, (Part II, Page 278)

Constable P34 Seizure of Clothing, (Part II, Page 279)

Detective Constable J McAteer, (Arrest), (Part II, Page 280)

Reserve Constable I Ritchie, (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 288)

Constable G Ward, (Search [REDACTED], (Part II Page 289)

Constable R Murphy, (Search [REDACTED], (Part II, Page 290)

Detective Constable P McCrumlish, (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 291)

Detective Constable P5 (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 292)

Detective Constable A McIntosh, (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 287)

Reserve Constable I Ritchie, (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 281)

Constable G Ward, (Search [REDACTED], (Part II, Page 282)

Constable R Murphy, (Search [REDACTED],
(Part II, Page 283)

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Detective Constable P McCrumlish, (Search [REDACTED])

(Part II, Page 284)

Detective Constable P5 [REDACTED] (Search [REDACTED])

(Part II, Page 285)

Detective Constable P McCrumlish, (Interview/Transcript PMcC1, 2 and 7), (Part II, Page 293 and 294, Part III, Page 23 - 118)

Detective Constable A McIntosh, (Interview/Transcript AMcI1,) (Part II, Page 295 - 296 and Part III, Page 119 - 124)

Detective Constable McDowell, (Producing Items),

(Part II, Page 297 - 299)

Detective Inspector Irwin, (Charging), (Part II, Page 300)

63 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Hanvey was originally interviewed as a witness on 7 May 1997 and a statement recorded (Pt II, P55 - 57). Following evidence implicating him in the murder he was arrested on 10 May and interviewed in presence of his Solicitor, [REDACTED] He outlined his movements (being in the company of Marc Hobson (Co-Accused) and Jonathan Wright (Pt II, P60 - 65) when they made their way to the town centre. He totally denies being involved in any assaults stating he was always approximately 10 yards from the fighting. He relates he got separated from his other associates and did not see them after the incident, whereupon he made his way to his uncle's house where he remained until the following morning. He disputes the evidence reference the clothing he was wearing on the night of the incident and accepts that he has a second degree black belt in a martial sport, Tai Kwando, but denies any use of this outside competitive sports.

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He relates on request from a Police Officer, the description of which would indicate Reserve Constable Atkinson, he assisted in moving people back. He relates he knew the Police Officer from seeing him in the town. Evidence of Hanvey's involvement is that of recognition by Witness A as outlined in previous summary of Forbes. In addition Witness B, also recognised Hanvey kick a person lying on the round (believed to be Hamill). He kicked him 3 to 4 times in the chest area.

64 Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview/Charging in relation to

Marc Hobson - is outlined in following statements:-

Sergeant [REDACTED] (Search) (Part II, Page 301).

Constable R Murphy (Log keeper) (Part II, Page 302)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Seizure of clothing EH1 - 4/Arrest)

(Part II, Page 304 - 305)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Interview/Transcript EH5 - 7, 9)

(Part II, Page 306 - 307 and Part III, Page 125 - 228)

D/Constable [REDACTED] (Interview) (Part II, Page 308)

D/Constable J McDowell (Clothing) (Part II, Page 309 - 312)

Inspector [REDACTED] (Confrontation Evidence)

(Part II, Page 313 - 314)

Constable A Neill (Confrontation Evidence) (Part II, Page 315)

D/Inspector M Irwin (Charging) (Part II, Page 316)

65 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Hobson was originally interviewed as a witness on 9 May 1997 and a statement recorded (Part II, Page 58 - 59). He was subsequently arrested on 10 May and interviewed in presence of

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his Solicitors. He outlined his movements, being in the company of Allister Hanvey (Co Accused) and Jonathan Wright (Part II, Page 60 - 65) when they made their way to the town centre. He totally denies being involved in any assaults and remained in the company of Jonathan Wright. He denies the allegations made by the witnesses and disputes the evidence of Constable Neill. He declined the offer of an identification parade and was subsequently confronted by Constable Neill who positively identified him. He accepts he is called "Muck" and outlines his description which includes a 'goatee' beard.

The evidence against Hobson relies on the following:-

Jonathan Wright who outlines Hobson running into the "fighting" crowd, reach out for somebody. In addition Witness A outlines "Muck's" involvement with 4 others as previously stated in Forbes' summary. Witness B also outlines a "Muck" called Marc from [REDACTED] fighting with a person in an Umbro sweatshirt (believed to be Colin Hull) and another person wearing a blue shirt (believed to be Colin Prunty). In addition Hobson was confronted by Constable Neill who identified him as a person kicking the deceased, Robert Hamill, while he lay injured on the ground, and later standing with a Rory Robinson "taunting" the injured parties. Hobson was also identified by Constable Cooke who originally named him as [REDACTED] as a person in the crowd.

66 Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview/Charging in relation to
Wayne Lunt

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Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of item JH1) (Part II Page 318 - 319)

Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of items TH1 - 4)

(Part II Page 320 - 321)

Reserve Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of items NK1 - 2)

(Part II, Page 322 - 323)

Detective Sergeant Bradley, (Arrest), (Part II, Page 324)

Detective Sergeant D Carson, (Interview/Seizure/Transcript -

GDC1 - 6), (Part II, Page 325 - 326)

Detective Constable J Dickson, (Interview/Transcript),

(Part II, Page 327 - 328 and Part III, Page 229 - 353)

Detective Constable J McDowell, (Continuity), (Part II, Page 391)

Detective Inspector M Irwin, (Charging), (Part II, Page 329)

67 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND EVIDENCE

Lunt was arrested on 10th May 1997, and interviewed in presence of his Solicitor, [REDACTED]. During interview he outlined his movements both prior to and after the incident. He related he was in the town centre and confirmed he was spoke to in a Police landrover by a woman Police Constable. He accepts he was wearing a Rangers scarf. He denies kicking out at Constable [REDACTED] and totally denies assaulting the deceased or any other person in the area.

The evidence against Lunt relies totally on that of Colin Prunty who outlines Lunt as one of the persons kicking at Robert Hamill as he lay on the ground. He later observed this person being placed in and released from a Police landrover. In addition Constable [REDACTED] outlines Lunt kicking out at her and in which

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she detained him to be reported at a later date.

Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview/Charging in relation to
Rory Robinson as outlined in following statements:-

Sergeant [REDACTED] (Search [REDACTED])

(Part II, Page 330 - 331)

Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of items CW1 - 3)

(Part II, Page 332 - 333)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of items CID1 - 11),

(Part II, Page 334)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Seizure of items DPE5 - 6)

(Part II, Page 335 - 336)

Detective Constable E Honeyford, (Seizure of items EH8)

(Part II, Page 338 - 339)

Reserve Constable [REDACTED] (Arrest), (Part II, Page 340)

Constable [REDACTED] (Arrest), (Part II, Page 341)

Detective Constable D Keys, (Arrest/Interview),

(Part II, Page 342 - 343)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Interview/Transcript DPE2, 3, 4,

5) (Part II, Page 344, Part III, Page 985 - 1190)

Detective Constable [REDACTED] (Interview), (Part II, Page 345)

Detective Inspector M Irwin, Charging, (Part II, Page 346)

68 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND EVIDENCE

Robinson was initially spoken to on 29 April 1997 and a proforma completed reference his movements, (Pt IV, P 355 - 356). He was subsequently arrested on 10 May and interviewed in presence of his solicitor, [REDACTED]. During interview he related he had got

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off the "Coach bus" and walked through the town centre. Whilst at St Mark's Church he observed scuffles further down the street. He totally denies the allegations made by the witnesses and relates that he wasn't involved in any provocative behaviour. He relates he later walked back through the town centre to his home. He states he was on his own and didn't know anyone involved in the incident.

Evidence of Robinson's involvement is that of recognition by Witness A who saw him with 4 others assault the deceased and which is outlined in previous summary of Forbes. In addition Witness B saw him fight with someone but could give no further details. In addition Robinson was seen acting in a provocative and aggressive manner, this being outlined in statements of Constable Neill, Constable Adams, Reserve Constable Atkinson and Constable Cooke.

Arrest/Search (Interviewing in relation to David Woods)

D/Constable K McIlmurry (Interview, Part II, Page 360 - 361)

D/Sergeant R Harkness (Arrest/Interview, Part II, Page 362 - 365)
(Transcript item identification mark JRH2, 3, 5, Part III, Page 912 - 980)

D/Sergeant R Harkness (Obtaining sample, JRH1, Part II, Page 373)

69 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND EVIDENCE

Woods was arrested on 15 May 1997 and interviewed in the presence of his solicitor, [REDACTED]. During interview he related he had got off the "Coach bus" and walked through the town centre. On turning into Thomas Street there were sectarian remarks made to him by a male person (description fits that of Colin Prunty)

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and then he was hit in the face by an accompanying male (description fits that of deceased Robert Hamill). He relates that he was then brought into his sister's and her boyfriend's flat which was located nearby, both of whom had seen the incident. He relates that he had been on his own when this incident happened, and that he was aware that fighting was going on in the street, but he didn't know or see who was involved. He was subsequently released unconditionally.

Arrest/Search/Seizure/Interview in relation to Andrew Allen - is outlined in following statements:-

Constable [REDACTED] (Arrest) (Part II, Page 347)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Arrest) (Part II, Page 348)

D/Sergeant D Bradley (Briefing) (Part II, Page 349)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Seizure items EH10 - 11)

(Part II, Page 350 - 351)

D/Constable P McCrumlish (Interview Identification Mark, PMcC3 & 4 Part II, Page 352)

D/Constable P5 (Interview/Transcript Identification Mark JD1 Part II, Page 353)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Interview) (Part II, Page 354)

D/Constable [REDACTED] (Interview/Item DPE8) (Search)

(Part II, Page 355 - 356)

D/Constable D Keys (Interview/Transcript Item Mark DGK1 & 2)

(Part II, Page 357 and Part III, Page 910 - 911)

D/Constable J McDowell (Interview) (Part II, Page 358)

D/Inspector M Irwin (Seizure of Items MI1 - 3) (Part II, Page 359)

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70 BRIEF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Andrew Allen was interviewed on 15 May 1997 and on 12 June 1997 in presence of his Solicitor, [REDACTED]. During interview he related that he had walked through the town centre after getting off the 'Coach bus'. He related that he was accompanied by David Woods and Rory Robinson. He related that whilst at the Thomas Street junction, David Woods was assaulted by an unknown male. At the same time another male started to fight with Rory Robinson and different males attempted to assault him. He related that he attempted to defend himself and that this person was then subsequently set upon by other persons in the town centre. He related that he had been further attacked by another male and again a similar occurrence occurred. He related on these occasions he did attempt to defend himself and that following the intervention from the crowds both the persons were knocked to the ground however, recovered and ran off. He related that he then made his way to the centre of the town. He denied attacking the deceased whilst he lay on the ground and he accepted he was known as "Fonz".

Witness B outlines seeing a person called "Fonzy" kick an injured party (believed to be Hamill) on the face whilst he lay on the ground, this person did not move during the assault. Due to vague description of the accused he was released on bail for the purpose of conducting an identification parade and clearing up a nickname discrepancy. Witness B subsequently declined the offer to attend an Identification Parade.

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71 ARREST/INTERVIEW OF MARK BRIGGS - is covered in the following statements:-

Constable G Cooke (Identification) (Part II, Page 197 - 200)

D/Constable J McAteer (Arrest) (Part II, Page 366)

D/Constable J McAteer (Interview/Transcript) (Part II, Page 367 - 368 and Part III, Page 981 - 982 and Page 983 - 984)

D/Constable E Honeyford (Interview) (Part II, Page 369 - 370)

The only point of notes is that Constable Cooke put the wrong surname to the face, which should have been Hobson rather than [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been eliminated from this enquiry.

POINTS OF NOTE

It has to be highlighted that there are a number of difficulties associated with this incident which include:

- (a) The conviction of Witness A and Witness B to proceed with their evidence in the face of pressure to retract.
- (b) Conflicting accounts of how the incident arose and in particular the evidence of Colin Prunty who has identified Wayne Lunt as an assailant. This problem has been compounded by the reluctance of the parties concerned or their Solicitor, acting on their behalf to co-operate with the Police investigation.
- (c) Outstanding medical evidence in relation to the deceased's, Hamill's treatment at the Royal Victoria Hospital and the subsequent Post Mortem result.
- (d) The whole nature of the incident which was spontaneous to the initial contact between both groups. As a result police are unable to establish who, if any, inflicted the

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fatal blow to Robert Hamill.

- (e) Reluctance by witnesses to give evidence due to the sectarian nature of the incident and the present feelings within the Portadown community.

EVIDENCE STILL TO BE OBTAINED*

(Tick as appropriate. NB Submission of reports should not be delayed by the absence of such evidence if a prima facie case can be established without it.)

POST MORTEM REPORT

X

MEDICAL REPORT

X

PHOTOGRAPHS

MAPS

OTHER (SPECIFY)

FORENSIC REPORT

NIFSL CASE NO

Alcohol

Biology (fibres)

Biology (body fluids)

X

Biology (general)

Documents

Drugs

Electrical

Explosives (micro chemistry)

Explosives (substances and hardware)

Explosives (general)

Firearms (chemistry)

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Firearms (hardware)

Firearms (general)

General Chemistry/Fires

Marks

Metallurgy

Physical Methods

X

Specialist Fingerprint Unit

Toxicology

Any comments considered appropriate in respect of the evidence still to be obtained should be included eg where a Forensic Scientist has given a verbal indication regarding NIFSL findings or where it is necessary to give an explanation of the potential significance of any evidence which is likely to be forthcoming.

Mr Lawrence Marshall has verbally indicated through DNA profiling a link between a sample of blood obtained from Bridgett and a blood stain on the clothing of Robert Hamill.

This would be contrary to Bridgett's account of his association with the deceased.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE*

(Delete as appropriate. Insert C & D reference if known)

A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE YES C & D REF NUMBER B147/1345/97

FCSU INVOLVEMENT IN INVESTIGATION YES NO

ASSESSMENT OF WITNESSES

To be completed only when information of particular relevance is

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available. eg character credibility, attitude to person(s) reported, reliability, any disability affecting capability as witness, age, capacity to give evidence. State the quality of witness to a disputed identification. State the involvement of witnesses in reported crime In the case of a child witness it should be stated whether, in the opinion of the investigating officer, that child will be deemed by the court to understand the nature of the oath.

Please see separate report in sealed envelope reference Witness A and Witness B.

The complaint against Police reference inactivity may be used in an attempt to discredit certain Police evidence.

There are conflicting accounts from witnesses at the scene in which the full truth is not being disclosed.

DETAILS OF WITNESSES WITH RELEVANT CONVICTIONS

Witness	Record Applied For	Attached Part IV
	YES/NO	YES/NO
D		Yes
Colin Prunty		Yes
Colin Hull		Yes
Dermot McNeice		Yes
William Jones		Yes
Alan Neill		Yes
Robert Hamill		Yes

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OTHER OBSERVATIONS

(Include any additional matter relevant for DPP consideration, eg sectarian background of case, whether any other incidents linked to the present case are being separately investigated)

An ex member of the RUC, namely Maurice Hewitt, produced a typed document Part IV Page 313 - 314 refers, allegedly from a person who witnessed the incident. On the instructions of this witness Mr Hewitt would not provide the alleged witnesses details, who to date remains unknown.

I would recommend an early consultation with Witness A, Witness B and Colin Prunty.

RECOMMENDATIONS* AS TO CHARGES AND PROCEEDINGS

(Stated shortly by reference to offence, IP, date and venue)

I am in no doubt that the evidence outlined by Witness A and Witness B is truthful and correct. In addition Colin Prunty implicates Wayne Lunt. All of the accused through the assault on Robert Hamill played a part in his death and I therefore, in the circumstances recommend the charge of Murder, Contrary to Common Law be proceeded against as charged.

In relation to Woods and Allen, I recommend 'No Prosecution'.

There is no evidence in this file to proceed with an offence on D by any of the accused.

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Signature of Reporting Officer: Michael Irwin
M IRWIN, DETECTIVE INSPECTOR 15170
Date: 22 JULY 1997

VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERVISING OFFICER*

(In fast stream cases, the recommendation must be from an officer not below the rank of Inspector)

Detective Inspector Irwin's comprehensive report defines the circumstances and the difficulties of this investigation.

The non co-operation of some witnesses and the Hamill family's Solicitor, has resulted in all possible evidence not being made available.

The evidence of Witnesses 'A' and 'B' is crucial, however, I refer you to the separate confidential report, submitted. I strongly support the recommendation that an early consultation be held with these witnesses.

The medical and post-mortem evidence, not yet to hand, will be salient in this case.

Considering all the evidence to hand, I agree with Detective Inspector

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Irwin's recommendation.

Name & Rank:

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DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR

Signature:

Date:

30 JULY 1997

VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUB-DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

The facts are as comprehensively outlined by Detective Inspector Irwin.

A consultation as suggested would be very beneficial.

I recommend prosecution as outlined by Detective Inspector Irwin on page 48 of his report.

Name & Rank:

DEPUTY SUB DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

Signature:

Date:

30 JULY 1997