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CONTROVERSIAL INQUEST CONCERNING DEATH OF ROBERT HAMILL

TO: LEGAL ADVISER
VIA SUPERINTENDENT, C2 BRANCH

As per our telephone conversation of 23 July 1999, please find attached, copies of witness A and witness B statements in attached sealed envelope, for perusal and consideration reference disclosure to Mr Leckey, Coroner.

M Irwin

M IRWIN
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR [REDACTED]
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CONROVERSIAL INQUEST CONCERNING DEATH OF ROBERT HAMILL

TO: SUB DIVISIONAL COMMANDER
PORTADOWN

Please find attached copy of report outlining statements which have been forwarded to Mr Leckey, Coroner, regarding the death of Robert Hamill at Market Street, Portadown.

This has been a high profile case and the actions of the Police have been the subject of a complaint by relatives of Robert Hamill.

On speaking with Mr Leckey, it is not anticipated that the inquest will be held until September/October 1999.

It should be noted that at this stage it is not known what witnesses will be required to attend the inquest. Witness A and Witness B statements have not been forwarded to the Coroner and he is unaware of their content. Both witnesses have declined to give any such evidence, this occurred at an early stage following consultation with the DPP.

Submitted for information of C2 Branch.

M Irwin

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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR

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STATEMENTS/PHOTOGRAPHS/MAPS TOUCHING ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT HAMILL,
[REDACTED] WHO WAS ASSAULTED AT MARKET STREET, PORTADOWN, ON 27 APRIL
1997 AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIED AT THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL ON 8 MAY 1997

TO: MR J L LECKEY
HM CORONER FOR GREATER BELFAST

On 27 April 1997 at approximately 1 46 am, the deceased, Robert Hamill, was making his way along Thomas Street, Portadown, intending to walk across Market Street and into Woodhouse street, Portadown. At the junction of Thomas Street/Market Street he was assaulted by a number of individuals, knocked unconscious and subsequently conveyed to the Craigavon Area Hospital. He was transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital where he died on 8 May 1997.

This was a sectarian assault and at the time of the incident a Police Landrover was located close by in Market Street, Portadown. There has been a high public interest in this case, particularly in relation to the Police action on the night in question.

As a result of the investigation a total of 6 persons were initially charged with the murder, however, 5 of these persons subsequently had the charge withdrawn. The sixth individual was subsequently acquitted of murder but received 4 years prison sentence for affray regarding the night in question. This person, Marc Hobson, has subsequently appealed both sentence and conviction. I have attached a copy of a summary of the Judge's comments regarding this trial which is for your information. Transcripts of Police communications are available, however, I have not attached them to these papers at present.

Please find attached the following relevant statements regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Robert Hamill, whose address is at the family home of [REDACTED], but also would appear to have lived with his girlfriend, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
Organiser of function at St Patrick's Hall
attended by Robert Hamill.

Thomas Gerard Mallon

Informing Police reference persons leaving

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function.

Associate with Robert Hamill.

Associate with Robert Hamill.

Associate with Robert Hamill.

Associate with Robert Hamill.

Associate with Robert Hamill.

Fiancée of Robert Hamill.

Father of deceased. ID of body.

Witness to incident – statement made via Solicitor.

Witness to incident – statement made via Solicitor.

Witness to incident at Market Street, Portadown.

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Colin Martin Prunty

Maureen McCoy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Colin Martin Hull

Vincent Dermott McNeice

William Terence David Jones

Carol Ann Woods

Shirley Woods

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Stephen Joseph Thornbury

Kyle Colin Magee

Steven James Bloomer

Jennifer Carol O'Neill

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Michelle Elizabeth Jamieson

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

Neil Ritchie

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

[REDACTED]

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

Kyle Adrian Donald Woods

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

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Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

John Mark Currie

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

Jason McClure

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

James Gibson

Witness to incident at Market Street,
Portadown.

Glen Stewart

Paramedic who attended scene.

David Morrow

Ambulanceman who attended scene.

Doctor Low

Casualty Officer at Craigavon Area Hospital.

Doctor Patel

Specialist Registrar at Royal Victoria
Hospital.

Alan Keith Neill
Constable

Police at scene.

Denise [REDACTED] (nee Cornett)
R/Constable

Police at scene.

Robert Atkinson
R/Constable

Police at scene.

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Police at scene.

Simon Marc Godly

Communications Officer

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Dean Silcock
R/Constable

Police who attended scene.

John Adams
Constable

Police who attended scene.

James Murphy
R/Constable

Police who attended scene.

Gordon Cooke
Constable

Police who attended scene.

Paul Henry Joseph Warnock
R/Constable

Police who attended scene.

David Allan Orr
Constable

Police who attended scene.

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Police who attended scene.

William Henry Wilfred Burrows
R/Constable

Police who attended scene.

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Sergeant

Police who attended scene.

Alan George McCrum
Inspector

Police who attended scene.

Donald Keys
D/Constable

Scene Examination.

Dereck Bradley
D/Sergeant

Scene Examination.

Mark Ardis
Constable

SOCO, Scene Examination.

Photography, Scene Examination.

Photography, Scene Examination.

Video, Scene Examination.

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Constable

[REDACTED] Mr

Mapper, Scene Examination.

[REDACTED]

Identification of body.

[REDACTED]

Identification of body.

[REDACTED]

SOCO, Examination of body.

[REDACTED]

Photography, Examination of body.

John McDowell
D/Constable

Communications transcripts.

Michael Irwin
D/Inspector

Investigating Officer

Jack Crane, Professor

Pathologist, statement and autopsy report.

Copy Form 19 and
Preliminary Cause of death

The following attached statements are for note:-

Jonathan Samuel James Wright – Circumstances regarding incident. However, has indicated unwillingness to give evidence and made a statement to this effect.

Allister Hanvey – Initially charged with murder. However, this was subsequently withdrawn

Paul Rodney Marc Hobson – Who was subsequently convicted for involvement in affray on the night of the incident and received the following sentence at Belfast Crown Court on 25/3/99.

I have attached copies of other statements recorded during the course of the criminal investigation for your perusal.

M Irwin
M IRWIN
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]