

Person interviewed: Edward HONEYFORD

Place of interview: OPONI

Date of interview: 5th December 2001

Time commenced: 10:17am

Duration of interview: 44 minutes

Interviewing Officer(s) [redacted] and [redacted]

Other persons present: [redacted] (Solicitor)

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00.00	[redacted]	This interview is being tape-recorded. I am [redacted] investigating officer with the Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland. The other Police Ombudsman officer present is
	[redacted]	My name is [redacted] also from the Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
	[redacted]	We are in an interview room at New Cathedral Buildings Belfast. The date is the 5 th December 2001 and the time is 17 minutes past 10 in the morning. I am interviewing please state your full name, rank and station for the benefit of the tape please.
	Honeyford	Edward Honeyford, Detective Constable Portadown CID.
	[redacted]	Thank you. The other person present is
	[redacted]	[redacted] of Edwards & Company Solicitors.
	[redacted]	Eddie you've requested that [redacted] your solicitor be present during this interview and to act as your friend.
	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[redacted]	OK. I'll just remind you Eddie that your friend cannot answer directly any questions put to you or that any time during the interview you wish to consult with [redacted] please just say so and that will be facilitated. Eddie at the conclusion of this interview I'll give you a notice explaining what will happen to the tapes and how you can get copies of them through [redacted] or through your own representation. Can I just ask Eddie for the tape do you agree that prior to the tapes being placed in the recording machine they were sealed and were then opened in your presence?

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01.26	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[REDACTED]	OK. I'll draw your attention at this stage Eddie to the form OMB3A, which was served upon you. That form outlines the allegations against you and also provided a caution for your own benefit. I'll now issue you with the discipline caution. This is purely just for the interview Edward, I'll just make that clear at the start. 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 Board as appropriate. Anything you mention when questioned or any written or oral statement that you make may be given in evidence at such disciplinary proceedings. Are you happy enough do you understand each of the cautions?
	Honeyford	I understand the cautions and I am happy to co-operate with this investigation.
	[REDACTED]	Thank you very much. If you could now just refer to the form OMB3A in that pre-interview disclosure pack that was served on you.
	Honeyford	Yes I'm struggling at the moment.
	[REDACTED]	Can you just confirm for me Eddie that that is your signature on the form?
	Honeyford	That is correct, that is correct sir.
	[REDACTED]	And this form was served on you by?
	Honeyford	Detective Inspector [REDACTED] from Portadown sir.
	[REDACTED]	And the date of service was the?
	Honeyford	It looks like the 27 th or 28 th of June 2001.
	[REDACTED]	That's grand. On the last page of that form Edward you made a comment in relation to the service of that OMB3A. Would you like to read that out for the benefit of the tape?
	[REDACTED]	Actually I think that's the 20 th of June.
	[REDACTED]	It's a bit below the line there but.
	[REDACTED]	Did you make a reply? Oh yes you did, page 4 there Eddie if you would.
	Honeyford	I replied nothing to say.
	[REDACTED]	Thanks very much. I'll just explain for the purpose of this interview Eddie today is to examine your involvement in the handling of a witness, we'll call it a witness in the handling of the enquiry of Timothy Jamison. Essentially today is to give you an opportunity to outline all the dealings you had with Mr Jameson, to put any answers you want to any allegations

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levelled against you in relation to this matter. At the outset of the interview if you're happy to and if you consult your other records which you may have with you, I would ask you to run through from when you first became involved or aware of Mr Jameson's involvement is this enquiry detailing any involvement you had with him, any instructions you were given in relation to him and whatever information you can provide as to dealings you had with him. Would you be happy enough then to do this for us?

Honeyford

Yes. What you're asking me just to go through it slowly and tell you from the start to the finish.

[REDACTED]

Yes. It is your opportunity really to

Honeyford

Yes I'm quite happy with that. I wish to help you and help ourselves in respect of this matter so I'll start by saying my first dealings in fact I didn't know Mr Jameson prior to the 27th of April 97. And the 27th of April 97 was really my first day involved in this investigation because I'd been working with the counterfeit products C12 and I'd had various other cases running at court. Mr Jameson on that occasion was one of the number of persons spoken to and at that stage there had been a pro-forma drawn up obviously by some of the senior investigating team which basically had various things on it, where you in the town centre on certain date, did you see anything, can you assist investigation and I did on the 27/4/97 interview Timothy Jamison. That would have been a result of an action sheet that came with that directing me to interview him and I interviewed him on that occasion at his home, which is on the [REDACTED]. And then Mr Jameson stated he had not been in the town centre and couldn't help the investigation in any way. As most of the persons interviewed on that date said the same. My next involvement with Mr Jameson was on the 29th of April 97 and at approximately, I do have a notebook entry in my official police notebook, of a briefing although there is not a lot of detail in it, it does say that I was briefed at 4.30pm. From my recall and I'm very confident that the officers present were certainly Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney and Detective Chief Inspector P39 and I was briefed by them in the office of Detective Inspector Irwin's office. He was not present. At this stage I've got to say that it was Mr McBurney who really took the lead, he was the senior officer and would by far done most of the brief and most of the talking to us, he was his own man for want of better words. And I was directed to re-interview Timothy Jameson. I was told that this was a priority job and would have to be done without delay. You can understand there was quite a few action sheets. I was informed that there was information had come into the system that Mr Jameson hadn't told us the truth that he had now confided in persons to the fact that he had witnessed this assault and could assist the police. Some time between half four and quarter past five there was an action sheet done out and handed to me to locate Mr Jameson and to interview him. It was suggested that the interview would be better be done at Portadown Police Station to take him out of his home environment. I proceeded to the Jameson's house on the [REDACTED]. I can say his mother and father are separated and I spoke to his mother. Now she confirmed that at this stage I believe that he was still attending the Technical School at Armagh and as such he had not yet come home

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from school. So I would say I was at his house in around any time between 5.15 and 6.00 o'clock and it was arranged that she would either get him to ring or that he would call in and see me later that evening. I certainly pressed upon it the urgency that I would have to speak to him and that it would be in a capacity of a witness and I also informed her if she wished to come in and bring his father that was ok. Later that evening I estimated the time to be around 7.45 - 8.00 o'clock when Mr Jameson appeared at the police station to be interviewed. I can't recall whether he rang in, I think he maybe rang in to confirm that I was there and that he was coming in, but certainly I only had to pay the one visit to the house and he came in. At that stage I roughly, I worked that out in my head cause I've had plenty of time to think about this, and I've thought long and hard about it I would say it would be he came in or around 8 o'clock, thereabouts or either side of it. Mr Jameson at this stage was conveyed down to the interview room. I had also informed Mr McBurney that Jameson was now in and I was going to go down and interview him and I proceeded to interview Mr Jameson. It was a long interview and a slow interview and as he was an important witness I had to take my time. Part of my brief was to assess Jameson and to assess him as a witness. Also to assess him as to the possibility could he have been one of the ones who could have possibly assaulted Mr Hamill. I expressed concern about this simply and I use the word simply, a bell rang in my head because if I speak to the likes of yourself on the 27th of April and you tell me sir no I wasn't there didn't see anything and then somebody comes and tells me on the 29th of April you were there I'd be a very poor Detective not to wonder is there more to this than meets the eye and my job is to assess him and I felt that he was straight and he was telling the truth to record it with the statement of him. So I proceeded to interview him. On that date, the early part of that day, I'd been working with a Detective who I wouldn't usually be working with, a Detective [redacted] that's [redacted] I think he was one of the Lurgan team and on occasions like this they would be drafted in to assist the investigation. I believe and again I can say I've thought very hard about this. I believe that I was to be interviewing with a Detective Constable [redacted] that night. Mr [redacted] was to be the second officer who would be coming down to assist me in the interview. Now as far as I recall he was either dead tired because everybody had been pushing the hours in and he wanted to be able to get home early or he was called away on another action, I can't honestly tell you which, but I know he didn't end up with me in the interview. I conducted the interview on my own. I interviewed him and what I can tell you about the interview is I put him over it, I told him who I was, he had already met me before, and I let him have his say, I expressed upon him the importance of telling the truth and how he could be caught out. He told me what he had to tell me. His main concern was his identity and no matter how much we got into the interview it would always come back to about you know am I going to have to go to court. It was expressed upon yes certainly as a major incident here I think at that stage am I right in saying Hamill was dead?

[redacted] Well I'll actually (inaudible) there's a few points of clarification we'll make but I'd rather you just...

Honeyford Okay. His main concern would be before he would commit himself on

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paper was his identity. This was a young protestant, what 16, 17 years of age running with boys from hard areas and this was something that wasn't a decision for me. So before a witness statement was taken from him I went back up into the main CID office where I spoke to Mr McBurney and I believe Mr Irwin was now present at this stage, and I put the case, this is what he has to say, he hasn't made a witness statement yet, I don't know whether he's going to make one, but his main problem is going to be his identity. Where do we go from here boss? And Mr McBurney on discussion with Mr Irwin made the decision that his identity would be looked after that he would come out as Witness A, or come under some terminology and that his identity would be kept secret to the trial. I returned to the interview room and explained this to him and at that stage he became happy enough, he was happy enough to make a witness statement and I recorded what he had to say. And that was my full involvement with Mr Jameson. I think I've only had occasion to call to Mr Jameson's house once since that and that was on instructions that D/I Irwin, in that there was a request from the coroner to see whether he would attend an inquest or not. At that stage I'd been informed by his mother that he was in university I think in Glasgow or Edinburgh, I'm nearly sure it's Glasgow and that I had no further dealings with him until, except where I probably seen him was in the offices of the DPP at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There's just a couple of points I want to clarify specifically at this minute it's in relation to the dates. Included in the pre-interview disclosure bundle a copy of the pro-forma, which Mr Jameson completed with yourself - that appears to be completed on the 29th of April.

Honeyford Right.

[REDACTED] Mr Hamill was originally assaulted, was assaulted on the 27th of April.

Honeyford OK.

[REDACTED] Do you want to have a wee quick look at that?

Honeyford No it's ok. I would have thought it was the 27th, I could have been wrong in that date. If the pro-forma says I interviewed him on the 29th then it's the 29th cause the pro-forma would have been done then yet. I apologise that's a mistake.

[REDACTED] No, no don't worry.

Honeyford I thought it was the 27th. I'm sorry for misleading you.

[REDACTED] OK. So on the 29th of April, Timothy Jamison completes that pro-forma with yourself. On the 8th of May 97 Mr Hamill dies.

Honeyford Right ok.

[REDACTED] Now just in that pre-interview disclosure bundle again you actually spoke to and recorded the witness statement from Timothy Jamison on the 9th of May. I think on the tape you refer to as the 29th?

14.40	Honeyford	Yes that's right.
	██████████	April?
	Honeyford	Yes.
	██████████	Robert Hamill died on the 8 th May?
	Honeyford	Yes and I recorded the witness statement from him on the 9 th of May.
	██████████	I think when you're going through it there I understand that it's some time ago. You said your first contact made with him was the 27 th ?
	Honeyford	And obviously it was the 29 th and then the second contact with him was on the 9 th . I accept that.
	██████████	No problem. Just to clear that up. I understand it is some time ago.
	Honeyford	I thought that that pro-forma was read on the 27 th but that was a mistake on my behalf, I apologise.
	██████████	Eddie thanks very much for paroding us through that. As I say there are other points, which I want to cover with you.
	Honeyford	Yes certainly.
	██████████	Some of it may be repetition but you understand it is necessary to make sure we've got it all.
	Honeyford	I'm happy enough with that, I'll bear with that.
	██████████	OK. Just to start off now the interview before the pro-forma completed on the 29 th , what did you do with the actual pro-forma?
Honeyford	The pro-forma would have been handed in. There would have been an incident room set up, now saying that we're not talking about anything elaborate, it could actually be one desk a spare desk in the CID office and you'll have in and out trays and actions and these actions would come out there'd be, I'm sure you've seen them, there would be a number on them which tells you what's expected. You go out you get it you fill it in and you put it back into the report action tray and I would have completed the pro-forma when I would have interviewed Mr Jameson and then I would have come in and attached it to the back of the action sheet and I would have went in, then there's girls that would put it under the home system and there's an index and a Sergeant he would look at it and decide if there's any further action to be made as a result of it or reduced.	
██████████	OK. And I'll just clarify again your contact with him was on the 29 th of April and then you've had no further contact until the 9 th of May when you record that witness statement.	
Honeyford	That is correct sir.	

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16.26	[REDACTED]	OK. Eddie can I ask you who first approached you in regard to the recording of that statement?
	Honeyford	The witness statement?
	[REDACTED]	Yes.
	Honeyford	That would have been a Mr McBurney and a P39 [REDACTED] the Chief Inspector.
	[REDACTED]	OK. Can you recall how they contacted you in relation to that?
	Honeyford	Yes I can. It was in the main CID office and just off, you just go through a door into a corridor area where there's a few cupboards and a photocopier and then the next door across from it is Detective Inspector Irwins and usually in major incidents like this Mr McBurney the Senior Detective he just takes command of it and that's where I was briefed. I can recall that.
	[REDACTED]	And where you actually just called into the room or was there?
	Honeyford	No I was called into the room and briefed. When you say briefed, what I was told is what is said that there was information that had come in that Mr Jameson had witnessed this incident and that possibly he was being approached by the police to incorporate it and as I, which I believe, it's only my assumption, as I have been the one which could have been any Detective speaking to him in the first instance, I was detailed, you know go out and re-interview him.
	[REDACTED]	So just to summarise there you believe it was because you had spoken to him in relation to the pro-forma?
	Honeyford	Yes, that's only my own assumption, yes.
	[REDACTED]	Eddie you say briefed and then you've said to me that it was a brief briefing, if you want to put it like that, can you recall exactly what was said to you?
	Honeyford	I was brought into the room and I was informed that there was, to the best of my knowledge, that there was information that had come into the system. This would have been a term, which was used commonly throughout our workers and that Mr Jameson, Timothy Jamison had witnessed this and that he had confided in certain persons regarding this. Now I've got to say I wasn't told who he confided in and I later heard, much later, and I was asked, when I say asked I was corrected, to interview him as a matter of urgency again if possible at the police station with the view of recording a witness statement of him. And that was the brief.
	[REDACTED]	When did you actually become aware of whom Mr Jameson had confided in?

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Honeyford That's a good question and one, which I have thought long and hard about. It was actually some time later. I actually thought he had confided in his father, his father's one of the major contractors that would do police work and it was well over that, the father always had police protection, police drivers. I thought maybe he had went to his father. I wasn't told and I didn't ask. When I was told to go out and interview him which I did do but it was later on that I had heard probably through the pipeline that he had confided in police officers like possibly boys that had been minding his father cause there's a squad of them there, you know they relay on one another.

██████████ OK. So at that stage the content of the briefing is that you're told that Mr Jameson, sorry information has come in about Mr Jameson.

Honeyford Yes that's correct.

██████████ That he witnessed the incident.

Honeyford Yes.

██████████ And that he may be able to assist police.

Honeyford That is correct.

██████████ You were told nothing else in relation to Mr Jamison at that stage?

Honeyford Nothing else, sir.

██████████ OK no problem.

██████████ Sorry Eddie just repeating another point that Mr ██████████ might make, would you have asked normally if you're told that there is intelligence, would a Detective Constable ask his Chief Superintendent then?

Honeyford No not really, not in Mr McBurney's case no.

██████████ Why specifically Mr McBurney's case?

Honeyford He's strong you know and I felt, he told me what he had to tell me and I was to interview him and I interviewed him. They did say you know you do it at your peril that I think like that but they're senior rank. I did draw his attention that I've already interviewed this fella you know, the alarm bell went in my head, you know I had interviewed him which we have agreed now was on the 29th of April, and it was like me talking to you and you telling me no I wasn't there I didn't see anything, it somewhat would alarm and slightly annoy me that all of a sudden I have to re-interview you. I sort of pride myself that if I interview you once I wouldn't have to interview you again you know and I was told exactly what I was told. I certainly was told to assess him, see what he has to say, and I did assess him you know. I'm quite happy to put on tape during interview I said look here you're a young fella, 15/16 you're, did you do anything, did you put your hand on him did you touch him anything I said get it out now because if you understand the road we're going down here there'll be a

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number of persons arrested and if one of these persons that are arrested turn round and say look Jameson did this I says you'll end up being scooped, you'll end up getting arrested. I says tell the truth. You've obviously come forward you've obviously confided and its important that you tell the truth and I spent a long time with him and I took a good statement off him I believe, maybe more senior men or men of a different position might not think its good. It was the best of my ability that I could get off him. At the end of the day it's what he wants to say its not what anybody else wants. Only he knows that it's him himself that has to stand over it. And the biggest problem I can recall very clearly the biggest problem was, which is always a problem, particularly in the politics of the Portadown area, would be identity. You know all of a sudden this boy he's meeting in the circles of young protestants there and a lot of these boys are potheads you know. I'm not saying Jameson is cause from what I can gather he comes from a reasonably good family but once we got over that the barrier that that would be looked after Mr McBurney I have to say was a man of his word and his identity even to this day I don't think even within the offices there would be that many would know if I was to say look who, tell me who witness A is they'd, there's not many of us left but what there would be left would stand with their mouth open they wouldn't know. There's a witness B and I know she's a female but not for tonight's lottery money could I tell you who she is and I really don't want to know.

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I'll just confirm again and I'm aware it's some time ago witness B is actually Mr Jameson.

Honeyford

Oh right.

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Witness A was the female.

Honeyford

OK.

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Eddie I'll just ask you prior to that briefing and don't forget Mr Hamill had died, he died on the 8th of May.

Honeyford

Right.

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Can you recall whether Mr Hamill's death was mentioned or not at your briefing?

Honeyford

I would have been aware, I would have been aware that Mr Hamill was dead I think but think probably nobody said you know, gosh murder serious assault you know. When there is serious assault then once you became aware I think at the briefing murder, gosh, serious assault.

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Do you recall Mr McBurney specifically mention to you on foot of Mr Hamill's death?

Honeyford

Well I think even at that meeting in the morning I think I had to go to court with a boy ██████████ up for robbery, from what I recall that day, he came in at 9.00 o'clock in the morning and the briefing a brief one, the first briefing is what has happened over the night and crime within the J

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Division. And then you wouldn't have left the room, straight into a murder, been made aware at that stage you know. You're saying that Mr McBurney had labour it at the 4.30 meeting, he wouldn't have had to labour it, I'd have been aware of that day we're now dealing with murder and I probably felt you know what the Detective thinks, what is in her thoughts. You've interviewed this boy on the 29th and now he's come forward. Why I suppose you've got to say well the difference between the 29th and now is this fella's died. Maybe it's pricked his conscience maybe he's turned round and said this is not just assault, there's a, regardless of whether he's a catholic or not he's dead. And that was maybe the reason that he confided in who he confided in.

Just to confirm what level of importance was put on the recording of the statement of Mr Jamison?

Honeyford

It was a high level of importance. I was told that it would have to be done that day at whatever cost and when I say at whatever cost that would mean like Eddie I don't want to come in at 7.00 o'clock and D/I Irwin telling me that you've gone off home for the night. Long hours as you know you've been involved in murder investigations I'm sure yourself. Its feast or famine. In CID you go home every day 5.00 o'clock if you get a murder the family don't see you for a fortnight three weeks. It's 9am to 11 and I was told look track him down get him in interview him and record his statement of him.

Eddie did you make any written note of the briefing you got from Detective Chief Inspector?

Honeyford

I would have made a brief note of briefing at 4.30 but I certainly would be happy enough to put on tape that I'm not one for writing reams you know, to me if I go out there to be you sir as I say record a witness statement from Mister so and so, its more than enough because its going to be in your statement what you have to say. I'm not a person for repeating it. You know I've always said the police notebooks; it's something that is totally outdated. We used to use a journal, which is a big book. It was by far the better you know for recording but I did put a note in my diary that I had been briefed at 4.30 and that's why I'm happy that I know it was 4.30 or thereabouts.

OK. I'm summarising again after the 4.30 briefing you made contact with Jameson at home.

Honeyford

That's right I went out in person, I drove out, I remember driving out and I remember speaking to Mrs Jameson, the mother. She said he hadn't come home he was at the Tech in Armagh and that once he had come home, and I said look anytime, I'll be staying and I'll be making myself available, I'll not be going out but tell him it's important and to come into see me.

And Timothy you think came to Portadown Station at about 8.00 o'clock that night?

Honeyford

It would have been thereabouts, yes. That's as close as I can put it. I

		thought long and hard and I think I'm fairly accurate in 8.00 – 8.15 in around that.
	██████████	Except this is four years ago so it's not easy to remember it.
	Honeyford	That's it, it's not easy to remember it.
26.30	██████████	Can you recall who he arrived at the station with?
	Honeyford	He didn't arrive at the station with anybody from what I can remember.
	██████████	OK. What age was he at this stage?
	Honeyford	He'd have been 17.
	██████████	17.
	Honeyford	If he wasn't 17 he wouldn't have been interviewed without the presence of a parent or an adult.
	██████████	It's just earlier you referred to him as being 16 or 17. Can you not remember/clarify for your own point there that he was actually 17 when the statement was recorded. When he first arrived into the station I mean who informed you, was it through the enquiry office?
	Honeyford	Just through the enquiry office. You get a phone call from the enquiry office. Eddie there's a young fella Jameson here to see you. Right tell him I'll be over now. At that stage I'd my board, statement paper ready and I do recall saying Mr McBurney he's in sir, going over to see him now, ok. Away you go and that's it and over I went.
	██████████	So at that stage Eddie there's no further discussion with Mr McBurney about Timothy Jamison.
	Honeyford	No, no I'd been briefed, you know I'd been briefed earlier on by him and was told exactly the road to go down with him and I went over and interviewed him.
	██████████	To summarise again that after this you had originally been briefed by Mr McBurney at 4.30. At 8.00o'clock you informed Mr McBurney that Timothy Jamison was in the station. There was no further instruction given to you at that stage.
	Honeyford	No.
	██████████	Is that correct?
	Honeyford	That's correct.
	██████████	OK. Now you also outlined the fact that you interviewed Mr Jameson on his own
	Honeyford	Yes.

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██████████ And you've given reasons for that. It was meant to be Detective Constable ██████████?

Honeyford That's my belief. I've had time to think about this and I know it's nice to have an interview running with a decent bit of flow in it. I could come up with all sorts of names but I remember there was Mr ██████████. I don't often be working with Mr ██████████, Detective ██████████ and from what I recall is Mr ██████████ was to accompany but he was either tired and wanted to go home early or as is happens he had probably a major actions himself but he wasn't with me. I ended up doing the interview on my own.

██████████ OK no problem. Were you concerned about the fact that you were having to do, to be on your own, given at that stage that you're now dealing with a murder enquiry?

Honeyford No not really I'd be competent. I'm a senior DC you know and I'm quite competent I could do the job and I did the job. It's always better you know I'm sitting here now with you and saying my god I wish Mr ██████████ had have been present with me. I certainly wouldn't do a caution interview on my own. Not even to this day even though it's on tape. It's always been police procedure that there's always two but there was a lot of those persons were interviewed you know as witnesses you'd have been interviewing them on your own. There's some days you'd be lucky enough you would have a partner and there's other days you won't but it's like me if I'm writing notes its always nice to have somebody sitting back who's not doing the main bit that's maybe catching up on one or two wee things that you'd forgot. Mr ██████████ here can turn round and say you know what about, should we mention that, oh I forgot that. It would have been better to have two but it wasn't a necessity and again if he's a witness it wasn't police policy that you'd have to have two to interview a witness.

██████████ I mean at that stage did you think of going back to Mr McBurney and saying look there's nobody else to cover this with me I mean did you mention to him that you'd be doing the interview on your own?

Honeyford I think he was aware I think he was aware as I was going down that I was on my own and I was going down but there was no song and dance made about it that was it.

██████████ Would that have occurred when you informed Mr McBurney that Timothy Jameson was in the station?

Honeyford Yes I would be confident that Mr McBurney knew that I was doing the interview on my own you know.

██████████ Was there any consideration given to offering Mr Jamison legal advice at that stage?

Honeyford Well at the time when I went to, what his mother said is he in trouble and I said no he's not, it's a witness capacity but I did say to her if he wants to bring his father or anybody in he could. Now in my career, which expands

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26 years in the police I don't think I have witness interviewed more than 2 witnesses that have ever had a solicitor sitting with them. Saying that if somebody arrives in with a solicitor now there was a fella arrived in with a solicitor there 4 weeks ago, what happened him, he got a threat, a very minor threat, somebody walked into his hairdressing salon and sort of gave him a threat and he arrived in there out of the blue for me to interview him with a solicitor which I was amazed. But it doesn't cause a problem. He wants to bring a solicitor then fair enough. What I can say to you he didn't arrive in with a solicitor. He never asked for a solicitor. If he had I wouldn't have had any bother you know. He's a young fella and I have to be happy that he's happy with what he's doing and what he wants to say you know it's no skin off my nose. You play by the rules you don't have a problem. You know one of the best things that has ever come into the police is this here taped interviews. A lot of people worried about it but to me its one of the life saviours and I don't have a problem with it.

[REDACTED]

And it certainly cuts down on writing as well.

Honeyford

And it cuts down on the writing especially if you're like me very slow writer so there you are.

[REDACTED]

Just on that point Eddie did you ever consider cautioning Mr Jameson?

Honeyford

No.

[REDACTED]

Given that he had completed a pro-forma saying that he had seen nothing no involvement whatsoever.

Honeyford

No I've got to say to you Mr Jamison at any stage and I'm a Detective and I can just be as sharp as the next one around, if Mr Jameson at any stage had turned round and said to me that I was involved at any degree I can tell you he would have been arrested and he would have been cautioned. But I do accept that I interviewed him and there's always a bit of me, always going to be that bit for a Detective sitting looking at this gentleman over the counter here and saying you know the last time I spoke to you, you didn't know anything. Now you're telling me this. I suppose it's the twist like the corkscrew, the policeman has been round long enough you always wonder is there a wee bit more. But there wasn't, it certainly wasn't forthcoming and I had made up my mind before I was going to record a witness statement off him I went back up and I had a good reason to go back up to Mr McBurney, because there was this thing that had been brought up by Mr Jameson about his identity, which comes up quite a bit and I was given assurance he's was going to come a witness A or witness B and as you say sir he became witness B and I've got to accept Mr McBurney held good to that there because it shows face I don't want to be selling somebody a package deal and then let down cause it lets me down it lets the force down and he was honourable and he did that. But I was asked when I came back up how did it go what did you think of him and I had to just had to as what I tell you I had to tell him the truth. I said look boss I've been running him there, I've been running him there for put him over it put him over it. It probably lasted for about an hour and a half you know. He says he didn't do anything, he says he didn't touch him, he says he saw what he saw but that's his bit. And he

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competent that with the names he knows and the nicknames and we can research that what do you want me to do? And he says right he's made no admissions there's nothing to suggest that he's involved in it. If you're happy enough with him I'm telling you to take a statement off him. I said okay and I says as to his identity you can assure him he says if he's not happy with that come back up to me and either myself or Mr Irwin will go down and speak to him. I went back down to him just like in here. Right Timothy I've been up there with the big boss and this is what he's says and I've said to him I've known Mr McBurney for years, he's solid and he'll not go back on it and I can understand your apprehension but I says at the end of the day there's a young fella dead here, he's been murdered and I says it'd be just the same if it was your brother or my brother, whether he's catholic, protestant or otherwise. He's murdered and we've got to investigate it and that's it. And he made a statement.

[REDACTED]

Would you ever at this stage consider by making, by completing the pro-forma in the manner that he did, I mean would you have said that was obstructing a police enquiry? You know what was to become a murder enquiry.

Honeyford

I don't know. I've thought about that there and I said I probably have the wrong view on things. To me rights right and wrongs wrong. But it's not simple like that. Portadown, you take that side of town on a Friday night there's a, Friday night would be a feed of drink, a Chinese and a fight with one of the other supposed parties. And you don't get all three on the one night it's not a good night. You know that's the mentality of them. And I just feel that at the first stage, and this is my honest belief, only my thoughts is, look if a boy's got a kicking here all right he's not too good but he's not dead I think that's the way Jameson looked at it as a lot of young Protestants would, you know what I mean. Today it's a protestant tomorrow it's a catholic. This is one side one night one side the other night. They stand there in Portadown which I'm sure you have got to know just the town centre you've got Woodhouse Street, you've got Thomas Street and they just stand there like two magnets and its crazy. It must be hard for chaps from the inland like yourself coming over and getting the grasp of the politics of it but then all of a sudden what I think is here look it's a different show, he's dead. Maybe he thought my god you know I was there I could end up getting arrested for this and rather than get arrested for this maybe through his father or through people that he knows like what do I do here. In confidence to somebody you'd be far better going to the police and you know getting it sorted out before they come knocking on your door.

[REDACTED]

Was there any conversation with Mr McBurney or DI Irwin about the fact that he had completed the negative pro-forma was there any possibility in doing so he had obstructed the police lines of enquiries?

Honeyford

No I threw intention when I was brought in at 4.30 and told to get out and get Mr Jameson, there's information that had come into the system which I thought we'd covered I will be perfectly honest just straight away down the line, is this the Mr Jameson that I already interviewed who seen nothing you know and I said is there a possibility is he involved. There was no information to suggest that he had but I certainly asked to assess

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him it wasn't the matter like me coming into this room with you now and saying okay I'm maybe only run of the mill burglary statement or for somebody less serious what can you tell me and I start I keep writing. He had to be assessed and he was assessed. I was concerned and indeed to this day I was always concerned and probably concerned thereafter was the possibility that he was involved but to answer your question no there was nobody came to me or that would be a level between Mr McBurney and P39 and possibly DI Irwin. It was never this lets sit down and look at the finer law, is he obstructing justice or whatever terminology you want to use for that wasn't discussed with me.

[REDACTED]

OK no problem. Just to clarify there again at that stage could you just tell me on your own mind what the roles of Mr McBurney, Mr Irwin and Ms P39 were at that stage of the enquiry?

Honeyford

Certainly I would say the interest of Mr McBurney he was certainly the Senior Investigating officer and second place you would P39 because of her position, chief inspector, and third for the most would have been DI Irwin, he would have been office manager. I would have said Mr Irwin probably would have been the one who would have been correcting what action sheets to be printed out for whatever interviews and P39 she would have taken more stand back you know. Just wouldn't be a lady who would have a lot to say you know. Mr McBurney would be the one who would be calling the shots doing the talking I suppose it's the experience of the man he's had a vast experience.

[REDACTED]

Ok Eddie. I just want to go back again. You said you had Timothy Jameson, sorry that's a bad way to put it. Timothy Jameson was with you in an interview room in the station for about an hour and a half.

Honeyford

Yes.

[REDACTED]

During which time you took him over.

Honeyford

Put him over, just put him over all the things that we had to discuss yes.

[REDACTED]

What sort of form was he in, was he volunteering information at that stage?

Honeyford

Aye he was volunteering yes. He told me, I says look you're here you tell me what you have to tell me you know. He told me you know but he was very, very much worried just one of these things there you know you're interviewing somebody and there's something in his head you're better getting that out of the way before you're really going to get to the bones of it. You know its like me interviewing you and then you sort of said to me every so often throughout it what about, and he was concerned about how he was going to be that his identity and I had to reassure him that his identity was going to be and I said before we take a statement I would clarify this because if I can't clarify it I'm not going to be taking a statement of you because I'm not going to be happy cause at the end of the day I've got Mr Hamill unfortunately dead what if Mr Jameson ends up in the same way it's not going to be on my shoulders. I'm too far down the road to be bothered with that you know. I had to make myself happy I

		had to be happy about that.
	[REDACTED]	I understand. So at that stage you're still, well you are dealing with Mr Jameson as potentially a witness to the incident?
	Honeyford	Yes.
41.10	[REDACTED]	Now you said earlier on, on the tape, I can't quite recall how long ago it was, at one stage during your initial conversation with Jamison you asked him did you put your hand on him did you whatever else. If at that stage you were dealing with what you see as purely witness why did you ask him that?
	Honeyford	Because there's a bit of me had to be cautious with him that I just couldn't get it out of my head look I've already spoken to him to me he should have told me the truth the first time but maybe that's just me being a policeman and it's like any young fella coming in there I'm going to sell him the package deal look you don't know whether they're looking round the corner or not you've got to say to them it's important to be truthful because this is a murder it's not mickey mouse assault, it's not a wee piss poor burglary, it is murder and it's going to be investigated and all these boys here that you're saying what you saw them doing is going to be arrested and what you've got to think and I'm putting it like this and only you know you've got to be satisfied that you weren't involved and only you know that and that's what I'm asking you is any of these boys going to turn round and say aye but Timothy Jameson did this, that the other, is that going to be the case, and that's the way I put it across. Because I have to assess him you know, if at any stage that I had really felt look there was a possibility that he had been involved in it I'd have to have said to McBurney look sir he's made no admission to me but I'm not happy with it you know. Because I don't want egg on my face. You know I don't want to take a witness statement of this gentleman here. Five or six being arrested naming this gentleman here and then Mr McBurney right in here lad, you interviewed that boy you took a witness statement off him, Christ he was involved you know. I'm too forward down my career to be caught out like that there. It's a matter of getting to the truth and if he had been involved what use would he be?
	[REDACTED]	So is it correct to say at that stage when you made that comment to Mr Jameson there was nothing else no other information that you had or nothing else beyond the fact that Mr Jameson had already lied to you and that you were concerned with the veracity of his statement that led you to make that comment?
	Honeyford	Yes that 's all. Just satisfying myself that he was telling the truth. You know telling him how important it is to tell the truth.
	[REDACTED]	During that initial conversation Eddie were you making notes with Timothy or?
	Honeyford	Yes I would have been writing notes just on rough paper.
	[REDACTED]	Yes. Would you have kept those notes?

Signature(s).....
(Contemporaneous notes only)

44.24	Honeyford	<p>No I wouldn't have kept them and I've got to put on tape at that stage it wouldn't have been policy to keep them because you'd have been transferring that into the witness statement. Having said that I have since been PACE trained and I would say in my 26 years of the police I can honestly say I have been sat on some pure crap courses but I've got to say this has to be, one of the best courses I ever did. It was a week on interviewing technique and it's an awful thing to say on tape you actually realise for about twenty odd years you were interviewing the wrong way and there you do I mean you've got like squares and you start telling me say to run me through it tell me what you have to say and speak to me and you know you're writing and then the next thing you go back and you actually end up my god with maybe ten fifteen or twenty pages of rough notes and it actually works. It's a great system. Having said that now like next Saturday I'm on my own in J Division in Portadown and lets say we had a robbery, an armed robbery and I had five or six witnesses if you go to interview every witness in this style you're going to be there all weekend but for a murder, for serious crime, it's a must its something that we're doing now and yes to answer your question if it had have been after that there you would have either had access to them already or I'd been handing them out to you saying yep there's my notes but I wouldn't have kept them at the time no.</p> <p>The tape is about to run out the time is now one minute past eleven a.m. so we're switching off the tapes so now to be changed.</p>
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