

Person interviewed: Edward HONEYFORD

Place of interview: OPONI

Date of interview: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2001

Time commenced: 11:07am

Duration of interview: 40 minutes

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

Other persons present: [redacted] (Solicitor)

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Time concluded: 11:47

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00.00	[redacted]	The time is now 11.07am. The tapes were stopped to allow the tapes to be changed and to facilitate me having a drink of water. The only person who has left the interview room during that time was myself. Is that ok, does everybody agree with that?
	Honeyford	I agree with that yes.
	[redacted]	I'll remind you you are still under caution. Do you require me to repeat the caution?
	Honeyford	I do not no I understand that.
	[redacted]	And you're happy enough to proceed?
	Honeyford	I am indeed sir.
	[redacted]	The tapes were switched off at which point I was summarising yourself about your initial conversations with Timothy Jameson in an interview room at the station. You indicated this conversation lasted approximately an hour and a half.
	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[redacted]	During which time you outlined to Mr Jameson the need for him to ensure not only that he had not been involved and you said to me the only reason you said this was because one, Mr Jameson had lied to you before and two, you wanted to make sure that his statement was true.
	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[redacted]	OK. Can I just ask Eddie during that period of the hour and a half did anybody else come into the interview room?

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01.08	Honeyford	No nobody came in.
	[REDACTED]	OK. Prior to that stage did any other officer speak to Timothy beyond maybe the enquiry office?
	[REDACTED]	I don't believe so other that the chap who would have been on, the uniformed officer at the enquiry office, I would say no.
	[REDACTED]	But present definitely in the station that night were Detective Chief Supt McBurney?
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	Was Dectective Inspector Irwin present?
	Honeyford	Yes at that time yes. When I went back from interviewing him before I took the statement Mr Irwin was present.
	[REDACTED]	P39 ?
	Honeyford	I believe she was there too yes.
	[REDACTED]	OK no problem. So you mention that you spoke to Timothy Jameson for about an hour and a half at which point you went up to Mr McBurney's office. Could you Eddie, I know we're sort of touching on stuff that we've been through before but could you just run through again exactly what you told Mr McBurney in relation to what Mr Jameson said.
	Honeyford	I went up to, this would have been back into DI Irwin's office and Mr McBurney was there. Mr Irwin I believe and Miss P39 was also there. I informed them particularly Mr McBurney because I had been addressing Mr McBurney that I had been speaking, that I had spent all that time with Jameson and this is what he had to say. I had my rough notes in my hand cause I wouldn't have certainly left them in an interview room and quickly related everything that Mr Jameson had said. I would have told him at length about his concern. He's going to make a witness statement, which there's no guarantee that he's going to, but if he is going to, he's worried about his identity and what can we do about that. At that stage Mr McBurney thought about if he spoke to Mr Irwin and said right you can ensure him that his identity will be kept secret and you have my word on that there. He'll either become a witness A or witness B or whatever the case usually is and he asked me what do you think of him and I said look I've talked to him, I've talked to him at length, I've brought him hard. I've asked him and I've accepted I asked him were you involved at any degree and I would call Mr McBurney boss. I've said look boss he said no he wasn't he hasn't said to me there's nothing that he's said to me that indicates that he's involved and this is where we are now and this is the problems we have with it, what do you want me to do? And Mr McBurney just addressed them, he said right as he clicked the finger, right, he would sometimes call me honey child cause that's what he would always call me (inaudible) honey child. He says honey child right this is what we'll do and tell you what take the statement off him if you make it and before you do that assure him that his identity will be kept a secret. Now if he has a

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problem with that he says and he'd be holding the hand out if he has a problem with that there come back up to me he says and either myself or Mr Irwin will go down or he says Michael, I'm just giving him his place, will go down there and speak to him. I says right it could be the case and I actually felt it would have been the case and in hindsight many a time at Gough Barracks when your doing the terrorist tour it would be just that close to making admissions to you for whatever reason you know, they seem to think that if it comes out of the mouth of somebody who's four ranks higher it's better and it would have probably been better if he had come down and showed his face but I went back down and I sat down with him again and said right I went up there and spoke with the big boss and this is what he has to say. He was happy with that. I said right can we record a witness statement off you. I'm a slow writer but I'll take you down, we'll go through it slowly and that's what we did. At the end of it as in any witness statement it was read over to him and he was invited to alter or correct anything. I don't know if there was any mistakes or not I can't remember but however it was he signed and that was it. I think I offered him a lift home but he said no he'd walk home and that was it.

[REDACTED]

OK. So you witnessed Mr Jameson in the room for about an hour and a half. You then go see Mr McBurney and P39. Sorry was DI Irwin in there?

Honeyford

Oh yes I do believe yes.

[REDACTED]

Any idea roughly Edward how long you would have been with Mr McBurney, DI Irwin, P39?

Honeyford

I would say, about twelve minutes.

[REDACTED]

Twelve minutes?

Honeyford

About twelve minutes.

[REDACTED]

OK. During that time did you sort of give them details of the evidence that at that stage the verbal evidence Timothy Jameson had given you?

Honeyford

Aha, yes.

[REDACTED]

He had given you the names of

Honeyford

Yes.

[REDACTED]

OK. There was no other specific instruction beyond get a witness statement given to you?

Honeyford

No, Mr McBurney did ask me you know he said right are you happy with him. I told him just how happy I was with him I might as well do I brought him hard and I said this is what he said it hasn't varied from this and at that stage I'm with you and I'm looking a direction you know there were several options open. One said thank you Mr Jameson I might come back in two days time and want a statement of you take a witness statement purely just as his thoughts or take one now or whatever. At this

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stage I was directed yes take a witness statement and I can understand that because he was an important witness you know from that stage and I went down and I took a witness statement off him. And I went back down and I reassured him that's the way things were going to be cause I wasn't going to give him any guarantee cause it's not my position as a Detective Constable to give him a guarantee. But he was telling me his concerns and I was telling him from my experience this was the way round them and I says right there could come a stage here but tell me what you have to tell me you know to see what worries you have and I can go and talk to the big boss, he'll make the decisions it's not my decision and as I've told you right go down take a witness statement off him which I recorded.

[REDACTED]

And did Timothy Jamison remain in the interview room when you were up with

Honeyford

He did yes.

[REDACTED]

OK. Any idea whether anyone else approached him at that stage?

Honeyford

No I've no reason to believe. Definitely not, no.

[REDACTED]

And did Timothy say anything along those lines to you?

Honeyford

No, no it's downstairs (inaudible). I would say the interview rooms in Portadown are poor in quality you know but that's where you interview and he sat there and I said look I'll be back, closed the door over and I've no reason to believe that anybody approached him. Certainly not.

[REDACTED]

How helpful would you describe Timothy during the taking of the statement?

Honeyford

Fairly helpful, fairly helpful you know. I suppose if there were any problems the problems would be with me in that you'll always wonder is there more you know that's it you'll always wonder if there's more and you're always wondering if there's anybody that he's leaving out say for the sake of argument one of these fellas that's involved, this might have been a particular mate or that. There's always this worry you know if you think he was going to name one or name them all or name none. That would be my, tell the whole truth or don't tell me anything. He was reasonably helpful.

[REDACTED]

OK.

Honeyford

Certainly he didn't ask for a solicitor. I've got to say if he had wanted a solicitor I wouldn't have had a problem with that. Absolutely wouldn't have had a problem with that. I'd imagine one of the problems he would have had is that if he had have selected a solicitor the solicitor he would have selected would probably have been the solicitor representing, or who did represent most of the lads that were charged with it. And maybe would have felt uncomfortable but it's not policy, I'd say it would be some job going through records but I put my hand on my heart and say two or three occasions in 26 years a witness has brought a solicitor down. But if they bring one in then happy days not a problem you know. We're all

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there to do the same job it's just to keep things right. If they're not right it's not going to work right at the end of the day.

[REDACTED]

Any idea roughly how long the actual recording would have took?

Honeyford

It would have took quite a while sir. I can tell you cause I am and I mean I am a particularly slow writer. It's one of my faults I wish it wasn't but it is. It would have took quite a while you know I would have said it took the best parts, the best part of an hour. That's at a guess.

[REDACTED]

No problem. Which sort of format would that recording statement taken? Would it have been question and answer or would you have asked Mr Jamison to run through?

Honeyford

Well, we would have had it all there roughly in notes. I'd say look Timothy right we're going to start off if I can just refer to this statement, it would have just have went that there, the first thing obviously what are we talking about. On Saturday night 26<sup>th</sup>, just tell me I know I've got it down here just go through it, just tell me what you want to tell me and he just, it was like the last, I suppose at this stage it's the last time I want you to tell me. Just go through it all once again and as you're telling me I'll record it. And that's it. And certainly it's safe to say if there was anything that I had in notes that I felt he had missed I would draw his attention to it. Because of the seriousness of it. If it had been a piss poor robbery or burglary or some old stupid thing you're dealing with there, a lot of the statements would be you know standard you know get what you have to get and run but it was an important statement and I felt I took it to the best of my ability. Having said that it's not something that you really want to discuss to the length of this interview but since the PACE training you're whole idea of taking a statement would be different. And that's all I can tell you.

[REDACTED]

No problem. Anyone else come into the interview during the actual physical recording of the statement?

Honeyford

No.

[REDACTED]

Definitely no one?

Honeyford

Definitely no one. No.

[REDACTED]

Can I just ask you Eddie once you recorded the statement you said you offered Timothy a lift home. He just leaves the station. Is that right?

Honeyford

Aye just while, it's less than a quarter of a mile from the station to his house and he just said no I'll walk, I'll walk home I'm all right.

[REDACTED]

OK. Once you had recorded the statement what were your immediate actions thereafter?

Honeyford

Well after I recorded the statement Mr Jameson, I took him up to the enquiry office, cheerio, out he went, the above two doors, out he went, I just laid over back up to the CID office. At that stage then and I showed Mr McBurney the statement. And he took it physically in his hands like

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this here and read over it and I probably read over it with him cause it's not too many can make my writing out. But anyhow I read it over with him, ok, good, right, let's get to business and at that stage I knew it was between Mr Irwin, him and P39 There was going to be arrests and get actions sheets out and get things planned. I just continued on with writing up my action sheet whatever other bits and pieces that I had to do.

[REDACTED]

Just want to confirm, once again I'm backtracking Eddie.

Honeyford

That's no problem.

[REDACTED]

You had mentioned that there may have been concern that Mr Jameson may have consulted the same solicitor as those who were charged. At that stage there wasn't anybody actually charged, is that correct? The arrests and charge came after it.

Honeyford

I believe so. From memory don't.

[REDACTED]

Just to clarify. Just want to make that clear for the tape. And also when you went up with the statement, Mr McBurney's there and who else?

Honeyford

Mr McBurney and Mr Irwin for definite and I'm fairly confident, you've got to remember it was, what was it 97? But I'm nearly sure P39 was there but I've said from the beginning of the interview the two main players certainly Mr McBurney and Mr Irwin they're hands on investigators you know. P39 she'd come from [REDACTED] and not saying there's anything wrong with coming from [REDACTED] but you know she just took a more backward seat in it. Mr McBurney would be the man who'd be calling the shots and the man with the vast experience and Mr Irwin he'd be the office manager you know, he'd sort of be right this is what I want, get the action sheets out and get it done you know, that's it.

[REDACTED]

So would you say there was a very high level of importance attached to that statement at that stage?

Honeyford

Oh there was yes, I don't deny that there was.

[REDACTED]

And were you given any specific instructions once the statement had been recorded?

Honeyford

Sorry.

[REDACTED]

Were you given any specific instructions or actions to perform once the statement had been recorded?

Honeyford

On that day after it, no. But I think I was certainly involved in arrests the following morning, you know certainly there were certain names in the statement that I remembered. It was an early start out with uniform and they were scooped, taken to Lurgan and interviewed but on that night no I got the statement, was wrote here, right Eddie you've got it now this is what I want tonight before you go home or anything you know, no.

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[REDACTED]

Would you have been aware Eddie whether there were any other potential witnesses in the station that night that were reference to the Hamill enquiry?

Honeyford

That's a good question. I don't know. I don't think so. What I can say is I can't recall you know I just can't, the response there would be other Detectives with other action sheets it's not something I expected you to ask me so I haven't thought about it, there could have been there could not have been. What I can tell you is there's two interview rooms in the whole of Portadown Station so it's highly unlikely that there would be anyone else would come in at that time when I had my witness in that I wouldn't know about because then you would probably be getting a rap on the door saying sorry, how long are you going to be, cause it's one of these stations that accommodation is at a minimum and there's always problems you know. But I can't recall.

[REDACTED]

During any briefings you had with Mr McBurney or Mr Irwin or P39 that the presence of another witness in the station was not mentioned?

Honeyford

Was not mentioned no sir.

[REDACTED]

Ok no problem at all. I'm just going to refer to a statement if I can find it. Yes this is a statement of Reserve Constable G [REDACTED] It was recorded on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000. I'm going to read a couple of portions out to you from the statement that are, make you work the background. Reserve Constable G [REDACTED] was one of the close protection unit assigned to Mr Jameson, senior.

Honeyford

Right.

[REDACTED]

He referred to a conversation he had in the house, or a conversation he was party to in Mr Jameson's house involving Timothy Jameson. This is just prior to the information being relayed to DI Irwin and Mr McBurney in regard to Mr Jameson. There is a couple of parts I want to read to you.

Honeyford

That's all right.

[REDACTED]

Was he close protection unit or was he stationed at, just stationed at RUC Portadown?

Honeyford

I think their duties alternate. One week they could be ordinary duties the next week they're close protection.

[REDACTED]

As far as I'm aware I think he was, he says himself he was doing a mixture of duties. On this particular night he was part of the close protection unit. Ok this is Reserve Constable G [REDACTED] He said - and when he says he said he's referring to Timothy Jameson - he said he saw a crowd at the end of Thomas Street and he heard someone say the word Fenian. He said he ran up the town and from this I took it that he was down at the bottom end of the town, the Kentucky Fried Chicken end. He said as he ran past that he put the boot in. Now as far as we can gather according to Reserve Constable G [REDACTED] this information was imparted to the senior officers shall we say involved in the investigation.

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16.15	Honeyford	Right.
	[REDACTED]	Were you at any stage made aware that Mr Jameson had admitted having some part in the assault on either Mr Hamill or indeed D [REDACTED] on that night in particular?
	Honeyford	I can tell you hand on my heart sir definitely not. Now I wouldn't come here to lie about that cause that's very, very important. Very relevant that.
	[REDACTED]	The Reserve Constable goes on to say we left at the earliest possible opportunity and went to Portadown Police Station and both Squawker - Squawker being another officer, that's the Reserve Constable McCaw - went into the CID office and it's then they say they immediately relayed the information. You have no knowledge whatsoever of that?
	Honeyford	Well I tell you here most truthfully none of those officers ever gave me that information and I can tell you that it was never given to me by any senior officer, that these officers had said that. It was way late on that I eventually became aware that it was these officers that had allegedly come to the senior officers but certainly not, now that chap there, what do you call him G [REDACTED]?
	[REDACTED]	Aha.
	Honeyford	G [REDACTED] a fine policeman, the one G [REDACTED] occasionally have had to use statements that G [REDACTED] had taken in the matters of crime and I've always found him a good policeman, took a reasonably good statement for a reserve man you know and very keen. But certainly I wasn't speak' in to either of those two men and nothing was parted if that's the terminology they want to use to me that what you've said there happened, no.
	[REDACTED]	After the time you recorded the witness statement with Timothy Jameson did you have the occasion to speak to either Reserve Constable G [REDACTED] or Reserve Constable McCaw?
	Honeyford	No. I think R/Con G [REDACTED] is off on the sick. I know he applied for some of the English constabularies. I think I had one conversation with him were he was saying that he applied for one of the English constabularies and they had failed him second time round in the medical and then eventually they turned round and said if they put their cards on the table we don't really want anybody from the RUC. It's what devastated him which I felt for him because I'm quite happy to put on tape as a policeman I would have thought very highly of G [REDACTED], the sort of guy who would come up to see you in the office. You know there's crime without even discussing it there was problems R/Con McCaw I know him to see but I couldn't say, comment one way or the other I never had any big contact with him.
	[REDACTED]	But you can confirm in or around or can you confirm that in or around the 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> of May say 97 you had no (inaudible)
	Honeyford	Definitely no. Definitely no. You're talking about probably many years

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this is not all that long ago that he talked about you know everybody going off into the (inaudible) he's one of the ones going to be losing his job he says he's trying to make a career and stay a policeman you know. I think from what he told me his father was in the double glazing business and that he had maybe be going back up towards Coleraine to work at that or something you know. Just generally like you and I chatting here now but no at that time no there was never I can honestly say at any time through conversations I would have with G [redacted], did he ever say to me look you know I told your boss this that and the other, no.

[redacted]

How would that information have affected the way Timothy Jameson was approached?

Honeyford

How would it have affected me? It would have affected greatly so it would have. There's nobody, let's put it this way here those that know me and obviously you'll have to do your own enquiries cause I'd be disappointed in you if you didn't, I'm a strong personality, very, very strong personality, rank would mean absolutely nothing to me. If I have a bone to pick, I'll pick it and there would be nobody and this is the words that I want to use, there would be nobody railroading me into doing anything that I wouldn't think was right. So if I, to answer your question, if I was made aware by any means that there was a possibility that Jameson had assaulted this fella, the only thing that I would have wanted to be doing with Mr Jameson would have been arrest him, a taped interview at Lurgan which would have given me great pleasure. Cause that's what it's about, it's about clearing crime, it's about clearing murder. That's it end of story. I wouldn't have a problem with that. No I wouldn't have interviewed him as a witness.

[redacted]

So just to confirm again it was only some time after this and you can't be sure when that you became aware that there was an allegation that Jameson had implicated himself. Is that correct?

Honeyford

Yes I would say an awful long time you know I would say well into when this broke that there was an investigation and you look at it and what's went wrong and then there's things I've got to admit that I just can't get to grips with. You know what I mean cause you've got two sides of the story. I can't turn round here it would be very easy for me to come in and say you know G [redacted] Reserve man, Jesus you know, boys you know what it's like. I can't, I've got to tell you here on tape I hold G [redacted] in the highest esteem and if he was to walk in now I would know as a Detective he would hold me in high esteem you know. Don't have a problem with the man but I can't understand those bits that you just can't get to grips with it you know.

[redacted]

Are you saying to me that if, and this in relation to Mr Murphy and company here, that if R/Con G [redacted] and or R/Con McCaw had had that information can you see any reason why they would not have informed it?

Honeyford

I would say if R/Con G [redacted] and McCaw had got this information I would say they were straight enough men that they would have committed themselves you know and they would have probably came to the CID authorities and said what they had to say. Now all I can tell you is that,

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(inaudible) all I can tell you is I wasn't given that information. Even at the initial briefing I felt that Mr (inaudible) which I had already put on the first tape it was just (inaudible) thoughts I actually thought it had come through the father. Cause the father does all the NIO work as you know and I thought the son went to the father and he made a contact with somebody at Superintendent level if they would you know. Timothy they might be able to help you look Mister so and so he's going to come into see us you know. No I wasn't told that. There was no information came in that either of these two officers had received information that he was involved in the assault. It didn't come down to me that night. If it had have come down to me that way it certainly would have affected my dealings with him.

[Redacted]

I think it's fair to say

Honeyford

I don't think Mr McBurney not going to stick up cause Mr McBurney is long gone and I had run ins with him too, not going to disappear up someone's backside, it would seem Mr McBurney was there for a bit of a man, over the years I'd say there is few that have the hours in that he has put in and I can even recall one night after the initial investigation the Health and Safety people came up and they set up some very sophisticated listening devices in the town and my job that night was to get the landrovers that the policemen were in and I had to drive down. They had a place exactly where it was they took all the sounds and then had to turn on the engine that it would warm up and then I had to turn on the radio and the heater and that took to about 4 o'clock in the effing morning and Mr McBurney was there to 4 o'clock in the morning and there's nothing any Detective Chief Superintendent you're going to find standing round a street corner at 4 o'clock in the morning. Very dedicated you know. There's things that I just could, I would have like to said I'm in a position to help you with but I'll help you with my involvement but that's all I can offer.

[Redacted]

I think in fairness here to R/Con **G** and McCaw, they didn't say anything about relaying the information to D/C Honeyford. There's...

Honeyford

No I would be, that would be something that would alarm me because....

[Redacted]

I think it would be fair also to say that there is some dispute as to whether or not the information was ever communicated to anybody but that's another question for another day.

[Redacted]

Yes another issue.

Honeyford

OK. Right.

[Redacted]

At the same time you seem to be surprised at the comments in Brian's statement in view of putting the boot in.

Honeyford

Sorry what way do you mean?

[Redacted]

It's just I mean you obviously now are a bit surprised by the comments in Brian's statement.

24.53	Honeyford	<p>I am surprised aye it's just I normally look at it like everybody else from a policeman's point of view. I can see where everything's coming from that's a very vital and important bit of information. I can sit here with you till 11 o'clock tonight trying to sort this out but you just wonder how a break down in communication somebody so important as that could break down. Whether it was said or wasn't said you know I'd been wanting very precise answers to things like that if that was my position you know. I reckon I'm as good as the next Detective as I say a lot of people move on in the police. They move on because whether they want to become senior police or you know for pension purposes or a better wage or whatever I just never had any wish to move on in the police you know and that 's it. But I like to think I do my job and I do it to the best of my ability and I like to think I'm as good as the next one at it. But it's a fast changing job no matter how good you're at it there you know there's more and more looking over your shoulder there's more and more people coming in and checking it. It might be good it might be, I've been involved in internal investigations I use to work with the well known so.</p>
	[REDACTED]	<p>Just in fairness to you a point which Mr [REDACTED] raised as regarding the imparting of information either by R/C McCaw or G [REDACTED]. I'll just read an exert from G [REDACTED]'s statement which I recorded on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2001. Portion of that same, I cannot recall verbatim what Davie McCaw told the Detective Inspector but I am almost a hundred percent sure that Timothy Jameson's comments about putting the boot in would have been relayed. That is currently to cover the point that Mr [REDACTED] raised there. Eddie what I would like to do is just very, very quickly summarise that portion of the interview today. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1997 you recorded a pro forma statement, we'll call it from Timothy Jameson.</p>
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	Your next contact with Timothy Jamison was on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of May 1997.
	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[REDACTED]	When you recorded a witness statement from him.
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	On the 8 <sup>th</sup> of May 97 Mr Robert Hamill died.
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	Prior to the recording of the statement you were briefed by Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney.
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	That Mr Jameson may have been or may be a potential witness to the incident.
	Honeyford	That is correct.

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[REDACTED] Is it correct to say that the Detective Chief Inspector did not tell you what led to this belief that Mr Jameson may have been a witness?

Honeyford No it wasn't imparted to me that the bones of it, the term used there's information into the system, came into the system, it's something that you expect to read on a witness statement maybe if your certifying statements or going through murder file at a later date but at that stage no it wasn't relayed to me that it came from these officers or whatever chap it came from.

[REDACTED] OK. You're then briefed at 4.30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup>?

Honeyford Yes I would say that's reasonably precise.

[REDACTED] Ok. To interview Mr Jamison as a witness to the enquiry?

Honeyford Yes.

[REDACTED] You made attempts through Mr Jamison's home address to interview him?

Honeyford Yes.

[REDACTED] I think leave a message with his mother is that correct?

Honeyford Yes called in person.

[REDACTED] At about 8-00 pm that evening Mr Jamison arrives at the station?

Honeyford That's right.

[REDACTED] You're informed of his arrival?

Honeyford That's correct.

[REDACTED] And you then informed Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney that Mr Jameson was in the station.

Honeyford Yes.

[REDACTED] You recorded sorry; you spoke to Mr Jamison for approximately an hour and a half.

Honeyford Yes.

[REDACTED] On his own?

Honeyford Yes.

[REDACTED] In relation to what knowledge he had of the enquiry?

Honeyford That is correct.

28.32	[REDACTED]	Following that hour and a half period you spoke to Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney?
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	And P39 and Mr Irwin?
	Honeyford	That is correct.
	[REDACTED]	In relation to what Mr Jameson had imparted to you and also your concerns
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	About any risk to his security?
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	Following that briefing, shall we call it, which lasted you say about 12 minutes.
	Honeyford	I would say that's accurate enough yes.
	[REDACTED]	OK. You then recorded the witness statement from Mr Jameson that we have here and we refer to as Witness B?
	Honeyford	Yes I'm happy enough with that.
	[REDACTED]	And you've confirmed that you were the only one present during the recording of that statement.
	Honeyford	That is so.
	[REDACTED]	OK. I specifically asked you about information imparted by R/Con G and R/Con McCaw recording Timothy Jameson implicating himself in the attack on either Mr Hamill or Mr D
	Honeyford	Yes.
	[REDACTED]	By stating that he had put the boot in. I have asked you whether you have any direct knowledge of that happening or occurring or being informed of it and you reply to that was?
	Honeyford	No, definitely not.
	[REDACTED]	OK. That really wraps up the bulk of the interview. There's a certain portion of (inaudible) I want to run through with you as well.
	Honeyford	That's OK.
	[REDACTED]	I want to refer you Eddie to and it's the final page of that pre-interview disclosure pack. Before I do Warren is there anything else you want to raise on that?

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[Redacted]

No that's fine. Thanks.

[Redacted]

Can I just say for your benefit Detective Constable that I think I'm right in saying it hasn't been possible to interview R/Con McCaw because he's unwell and that R/Con G's recollection is not as firm as being actually being able to recall that the information was in fact really, his recollection is that he's almost a hundred percent sure but he can't be absolutely certain.

[Redacted]

Just to confirm that that's the portion of the statement from R/Con G as I read out earlier. And as you rightly ask no we haven't been able to interview Mr McCaw he's not sort of fit for interview at this stage. Ok Eddie I'll just refer you to the final page here of your pre-interview disclosure bundle there.

Honeyford

Page 11?

[Redacted]

Page 11. This is an extract from the letter to the DPP reference a consultation that he had regarding the evidence provided by Timothy Jameson. Now firstly do you recall being present at this consultation?

Honeyford

I do.

[Redacted]

Do you recall whether or not you stayed throughout the consultation?

Honeyford

I believe I was present for the majority of it but I do believe there was one stage I was asked to leave the room. I do recall being in a big room, a big large mahogany table and a lot of persons around it, namely from the Director of Public Prosecutions Office. And I do recall Mr Kerr being there, I recall Roger Davison being there, I recall them taking the notes. Mr Cook was there and myself and Mr Irwin, I believe Mr McBurney, there could be others I just, there was a lot of higher ranking people from both departments there.

[Redacted]

Do you believe Mr McBurney was present?

Honeyford

I thought he was. I definitely, Crime Branch C012, Mr Cook was there and I'd came down, I remember Jameson was there I believe his father was there. The two that I really remember, three was Mr Cook, I can stand over it, I remember Mr Davison taking the notes and I certainly remember Gordon Kerr QC.

[Redacted]

No problem at all. Eddie there's just one particular passage in that letter I want to refer you to, it's the third paragraph down starting on the third line. We'll start from where it says he stated. He in this context is Timothy Jamieson; he stated that when he made the statement he was simply agreeing with what the police said to him and he put in his statement what they told him. Can you tell me Eddie where you present in the consultation when this was said?

Honeyford

I believe so. I believe so.

[Redacted]

OK. Were you asked to make any representation in relation to that

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Honeyford

consultation?

No I can confirm that I sat there, I remained silent. Gordon Kerr I would say, the words I would use was putting him through hoops to see obviously to test and see would he be liable to stand up against a QC and I had no input in it other than a list of what Mr Kerr had to say this is what Mr Jameson had to say that was it. I had no comment to make.

[REDACTED]

OK. Did any of the police present make any comment of one another?

Honeyford

No. I don't believe so.

[REDACTED]

Did any representative of the DPP make any comments to either yourself or any other officer at the consultation in that manner to what Mr Jamison had alleged?

Honeyford

There's obviously a bit of conversation at the interval. Mr Kerr and Mr Cook and like I'm only telling you the story as I've seen it, I was standing there on the, what would you say, on the sideline of the football pitch, I'm a DC here you're nobody in it you know. The decision was honestly one between Crime Branch and certainly more so by Mr Kerr. Oh no we're big enough and ugly enough to know at this stage you've Mr Jameson down here and it's to assess him. You know can he stand up is there any meat on the bone and I remember Mr Kerr you know giving him a fair grilling. I noticed you looked at me and smiled when I said I can remember Mr Kerr, well what I remember saying to myself was my god, if I had have put Mr Jameson through what he has put them through in the interview room he would have cause to complain it was to me he was outside my remit but obviously wasn't outside his but then again they're assessing him with the big bad witness box and he had to do his job he had to do it he put him through it and I was present when Mr Jameson retracted.

[REDACTED]

Now that's an important aspect of the thing and [REDACTED] I would want to ask you about that but in terms of the retraction could you comment on how you retracted, I mean did he stand up in the middle of the interview and point at you and say it was that lying bastard there put the words in my mouth.

Honeyford

No, no, Jameson's a fairly what do you say easy spoken person you know it wasn't a hostile meeting you know or this boy's doing a line dance on top of the table you know accusing me of everything and pointing and wanting to grab me by the throat he retracted that's okay, I sat there and listened to what he had to say but it caused me no concern then and it's causing me no concern today. You know I did what I did and I did it honestly to the best of my ability and I know what your next question is going to be and I'm going to pre-empt it by answering it. It's Northern Ireland politics. If somebody wants to retract, I knew in the bottom of my heart it was always going to be a possibility of him retracting cause I had been in CID and the mid-Ulster triangle for 23 years in CID and we've been down this road before but you have to go down that road and if it's the only tunnel left open you go down, some are successful and some not. But it's always the case if there's going to a retraction there's always somebody going to have to be blamed and naturally it's going to be the

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big bad policeman.

Well you have been involved in other cases how were they retracted?

Honeyford

Certainly is if you were to ask me to actually name them as a case I couldn't. I certainly would be happy enough to look them up for you and write them down and send them to you.

No, no definitely not.

In those cases were you investigated afterwards and was it suggested to you that you had in fact attempted or perverted the course of justice by putting words in the witness's mouth.

Honeyford

There is cases yes that the person you've interviewed you take a complaint from what would be known as the C & D Dept and yes you would have been investigated you know but I've never been investigated like anybody on a number of occasions but I'm sure as you'll check I've never been found guilty of anything because simply I haven't done anything. And nobody has said anything you know it wasn't when I walked out of the room G was saying wee bastard you know saying that about me. I don't understand him wanting to say that, having to say that. But what I can tell you is I didn't put the words in his mouth, one, I wouldn't have had that information and two what was to be gained. No use me sitting there doing all that and watching the paper trail which gets bigger as the day grows in this job. For what at the end of the day. If you don't have a happy witness, if you don't have a witness telling the truth and a witness willing to give evidence you have nothing. But at that sort of stage he wanted to retract and certainly he said I put the words in his mouth and he only agreed with me and I've got to say hand on my heart no that's not the case and I can tell you gentlemen if somebody was to walk in through that door now and say you know that interview you did in Portadown that was tape recorded secretly I would have said happy days I wouldn't have a problem with it.

Do you understand me?

Honeyford

Oh yes I understand you

Allegations, you're not being investigated here, allegations.....

Honeyford

No I know that, it's disciplinary wait till I tell you, you have a job to do and I don't have a problem with that. I don't enjoy it nobody does but I've had to do it. Myself even Mr other policemen arrived the other side of the table it's not a problem it has to be done. Has to be done professionally and I would think very little of you if you didn't cross your T's and dot your I's. I don't have a problem with that.

What I really wanted to ask you in connection with that is, following the consultation was there ever any approach made to you by any senior officer any representative of the DPP in relation to the allegation, the serious allegation that Mr Jameson made during the retraction process?

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Honeyford Absolutely none. I was never approached I was never taken into an office and said look Eddie I'm not quite happy with how you did this here and I don't know what will come out of this you know. I could go about this only assumption on my behalf like I don't want to be clapping my own back but I just feel that they accepted that I did my job, and I did it well and I did it honest but the net was torn then the end result wasn't what anybody wanted. But no to answer your question there was nobody came and spoke to me, cautioned me or said look I'm going to have to put a note in the journal that I've discussed this with you like a public warning next time round you know it's different, no that didn't happen sir no.

[REDACTED] No problem. That's really all the questions I have to put to you Eddie. Thank you very much for your attendance today. [REDACTED] is there anything else you want?

[REDACTED] No. Nothing to add no.

[REDACTED] Just that retraction process, no?

[REDACTED] No.

[REDACTED] I say that more or less wraps us up we'll do the signing up of the tapes and everything after it. Is there anything at this stage Eddie that you want to say in relation to the enquiry or how you've been dealt with?

Honeyford No I've felt it's been a very fair interview and I'll be happy to co-operate in the event that they need to do another one. Yes it's not a problem. You know it'll maybe the case when you look at it and review it that there's other things that have been down that road and if it happens it happens. I can come back it's not a problem no. More than happy with it.

[REDACTED] No problem at all. OK the time is now, oh sorry yes, Eddie I give you this notice now. It's reference

Honeyford Aye what happens to the tapes. Accepted and understood.

[REDACTED] It's how you apply for the tapes Eddie. It doesn't tell you how you actually get them but it shows you how to apply for them.

Honeyford Shows you how to apply for them.

[REDACTED] So if I conclude this interview now there's nothing else you wish to add Eddie no?

Honeyford There's nothing I wish to add, correct or alter at this stage.

[REDACTED] Yourself Mr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No.

[REDACTED] OK Eddie at the end of the interview I'll be asking you to sign the seal of the master tape. Will you be happy to do so?

40.07	Honeyford [REDACTED]	I would. OK. The time is now 11.47am and now we're switching off the tapes.
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