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6 30 pm interviewed P40 [REDACTED]

at Gough Barracks, outlined the nature of my

enquiries. P40 [REDACTED] stated that he had made a  
previous statement to the investigation in 1997. [REDACTED]

P40

states that he does not know of any

person by the name of Alistair Harvey, states that

during the incident on the night in question he

cannot recall seeing Robert Atkinson from the period

of when they got out of the landrover to respond to

the disorder and much later when they were

moving the crowd up towards West Street, at that

stage P40 [REDACTED] remember Robert Atkinson being

over to his right. P40 [REDACTED] states that during the

fracas Const Neill and Robert Atkinson moved

across the road towards the junction of Thomas

Street, he was standing outside the Alliance &amp;

Leicester Building Society at the top of Woodhouse

Street where he prevented two catholic men who

had come up Woodhouse Street from crossing the

road into the fracas. P40 [REDACTED] states that he

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does not know their names but was aware that

they were from the [REDACTED] P40

states that at that point he lost sight of Robert Atkinson and did not see him again until the police line had formed and they were moving the crowd up the town towards West Street.

P40 states that he remembers Atkinson

over to his right at this stage but he

didn't have his attention on Atkinson and doesn't

know if Robert Atkinson also escorted the crowd

up towards West Street. P40 states that on

the brief times that he did see Robert Atkinson,

Atkinson was not in a conversation with any

particular man or woman - states that he does not

recall seeing Robert Atkinson talking to a girl

near the landrover. P40 states that he doesn't

recall Atkinson near the landrover but points out

that his attention was focussed on dealing with

the incident and not on Robert Atkinson. [REDACTED]

P40 states that he escorted the crowd up

into West Street where he remained until the

crowd dispersed and dwindled away - states that

Const Neill brought the landrover up to where

we were standing and at some point we returned

from West Street to the police station where they

were later stood down because the town centre

was quiet. P40 states that he cannot recall

having any specific or detailed conversation with

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Robert Atkinson about the incident or about any

persons identified as being involved - P40

states that he cannot recall having any detailed conversation with any of the rest of the patrol about the incident other than it had happened as a matter of course. P40 states that he went off duty at about 4 am, recalls getting a phone call at home directing him to come back into work for the purpose of making a statement concerning the incident, states that he recalls that it was Insp McCrum who rang him, states that it was about 6 am, P40

P40 states that he went in to Portadown Station, arriving in at about 6 30 am. Spoke to Insp McCrum and was directed to go to the CID office to make a statement about what he had witnessed at the scene. P40 states that when he got in to the office he recalled seeing R/Con Denise Cornett and D/Const Keys, states that he believes Robert Atkinson arrived in shortly after he arrived - states that Const Neill did not arrive in until much later in the morning. P40 states that D/Const Keys spoke to him and handed witness statement forms to him, P40 states that he made his statement while sitting in the CID office, P40 states that Robert Atkinson went to another corner of the office and made his statement, states that nothing was discussed between Atkinson, Cornett and himself. P40 states that

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during that time, there was no collective de-brief carried out in the CID office and he does not recall hearing Robert Atkinson in any discussion with anybody in which he was naming persons identified at the scene of the incident. P40 recalls that Denise Cornett and himself were there for sometime and he recalls Const Neill coming in to the CID office as he was finishing his statement which he handed to D/C Keys.

P40 states that he recalls Robert Atkinson leaving for home some time before he did, states that he was first away but cannot recall what time he left the police station, P40 states that Robert Atkinson was away before Const Neill arrived in. P40 states that he has never had any detailed discussion with Robert Atkinson about the incident. P40 states that has never heard about an allegation that Robert Atkinson made a phone call to a suspect advising him to dispose of his clothing after the incident.

P40 states that he does not know anybody by the name of Tracey Clarke, states that this name means nothing to him. P40 states that he doesn't know an Alistair Hanvey and therefore could not make any comment on this persons clothing or actions at the scene - states that he does not recall seeing any person whom he had come into contact with at the scene wearing a silver or grey jacket with orange flashes on the sleeves.

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I asked P40 to recall a conversation which he

may have had with Const Alan Neill in which

something which Robert Atkinson had said to Const

Neill was discussed. P40 could not recall

the conversation, states that Const Neill had spoken

to him about it after I had interviewed him,

states that the conversation which Const Neill refers

to, took place at a social event (leaving function for G ),

states that he was

inebriated and cannot recall the conversation. Mr

P40 states that he wishes to discuss this further

with his solicitor before making a written statement.

7 35 pm interview terminated.