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4 40 pm interviewed Const Alan Neill, Const Neill had the opportunity to speak with his solicitor Mr Richard Murphy prior to the interview. I outlined the nature of my enquiries which concerned allegations concerning R/Const Robert Atkinson. Const Neill indicated that he had already provided a statement in relation to his actions at the scene of the incident where Robert Hamill was seriously assaulted. I asked Const Neill did he know a person called Alistair Hanvey. Const Neill stated that he did and recalled seeing him at the scene of the incident that night. He stated that he had known Alistair Hanvey from being present at the scene of a road accident which was investigated by R/Const Jim Murphy and involved Alistair Hanvey who was driving a Clio car - this happened some time before the Hamill incident. Const Neill recalled seeing Alistair Hanvey during the fracas but couldn't comment on what he was doing as his attention wasn't focussed on him

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all the time, stated that during the time in which he did see him, he did not see Alistair Hanvey near Mr Hamill or D and he did not see Alistair Hanvey attack anyone - states that he recalls seeing Alistair Hanvey on Market Street somewhere between the First Trust Bank and Jeffers, Hanvey appeared to be coming from the West Street direction towards the scene of the incident, Const Neill states that this is the only time that he recalled seeing Alistair Hanvey. Const Neill states that he did not see R/Constable Atkinson with or near Alistair Hanvey at any stage but states that he wasn't in a position to see R/Constable Atkinson all the time - states that it would have been his opinion that there would have been no time or opportunity for R/Constable Atkinson to have a conversation with somebody - states that he recalls seeing a couple of girls at the time when the police had formed a line in order to move the crowd up the town towards West Street, states that he never saw R/Constable Atkinson in any conversation with a female during the periods when he did see R/Const Atkinson. States that he recalls Alistair Hanvey wearing a Tracksuit type top but cannot give any further description of this garment - states that this is what it appeared to be from his position but cannot

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be definite that it was a tracksuit top.

States that when order was restored, his patrol returned to Portadown Station and later went off duty. Const Neill cannot recall any specific conversation with R/Const Atkinson at that time where names of persons were mentioned who were identified at the scene. Const Neill states that he has never heard of the name Tracy Clarke, states that this name means nothing to him. Const Neill states that he finished duty around 4 am and went home - recalls getting a phone call to his home at around 6 am when Const Godly rang him, requesting him to return to duty for the purpose of making a statement. Const Neill recalls a second phone call to his house and he went into Portadown Station, leaving his house just after that phone call - states that the journey to work from his home would take approx 25-30 mins. Const Neill states that as he arrived into the station, he met R/Constable Atkinson near the stairs beside the parade room, states that as he made his way towards the CID office, R/Const Atkinson was heading out and there was a brief discussion about him having done his statement that was in his pigeon-hole. At this point Const Neill then said that what he had said was wrong and as he thought again about it, he recalls R/Const Atkinson talking to him on the phone when he was rang on the second

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occasion. He said that it was over the phone that

R/Const Atkinson told him that he had done his statement which he had left in his pigeon hole.

He said that he remembered that it was Const

Godly who rang him on the second occasion and

R/Const Atkinson came on to the phone after that, as as he remembers this happened in the same phone call.

Const Neill states that the only thing which R/Const Atkinson said to him over the phone was that he

(Atkinson) had done his statement and that it was in his pigeon hole if he wanted to have a look at it -

Const Neill states that nothing further was discussed.

Const Neill states that when he did get into the police station, he went to the CID office and recalled seeing

P40 [REDACTED], R/Con Cornett, Const Cooke, Const Orr, [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED], R/Con Silcock and R/Con Warnock who were all

making or reading statements. Const Neill recalls

a lot of general discussion going on about the

incident, recalls D/C Keys at the office at some

point and states that he made his statement which

he handed to somebody from CID but cannot recall

exactly who. Const Neill states that R/Const Atkinson was

not in the station when he arrived in to duty.

Const Neill states that he had never heard about

this allegation that R/Const Atkinson rang a

suspect in this case before today - he states that

R/Const Atkinson has never mentioned anything about

this to him at any time since the incident

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happened. Const Neill states that he has no knowledge of anon phone calls being made by a person believed to be a police officer to a local priest in Portadown or to [REDACTED], Solicitor. 6 05 pm interview terminated.