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20/11/00 (M) 9am-9pm

Went to Portadown Police Station. 3 40 pm interviewed
Const Cooke regarding A720 raised in Atkinson investigation.
Const Cooke states that he has previously made two
statements concerning his actions and what he had
witnessed at the scene of the serious assaults of
Mr Hamill and D [REDACTED]. States that on his
attendance at the scene recalled speaking with some
officers who were at the scene dealing with the
crowd but does not recall having any specific
and detailed conversation with Robert Atkinson and
cannot comment on what Robert Atkinson was
doing at the scene of the incident as he
himself was involved in dealing with elements of
the crowd and being part of the police line
that moved the crowd up towards West Street.
Const Cooke states that after the crowd was
dispersed, he was on mobile patrol not
returning into the Police Station until nearly

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4 am - states that he does not recall

seeing any of the L/Rover crew, including

Robert Atkinson, again that night after the

initial incident, states that he did not at

any time after the incident that night talk to

Robert Atkinson or any of the L/Rover crew about

what they had witnessed - states that the L/Rover

crew were members of another Section who

were working on overtime and under normal

circumstances worked to 3 am on public order

duties in the town centre - when Const Cooke

came into the station for refreshments at 4 am,

he recalls discussion between Insp McCrum, Sergt

P89 and some of the section about what

had happened, also recalls Insp McCrum telling

them that D/C Keys had been called out, Const

Cooke states that he does not recall being

asked to prepare a list of names of persons

identified at the scene for the information of D/C

Keys, states that D/C Keys when he came in asked

him to prepare a statement about what he had

witnessed - Const Cooke states that all the section

members who were at the scene were asked to

make statements and he went to the medical

room in the police station where he sat alone,

gathered his thoughts and prepared a written

statement, states that he handed his statement

to D/C Keys - states that he was aware that

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other members of the section had gone to another room in the police station to prepare their statements. I asked Const Cooke did he see or speak to any of the L/Rover crew, which included Robert Atkinson, when they were recalled to duty to make statements - Const Cooke states that he hadn't seen them from the time of the incident in the town centre. Const Cooke states that he can make no comment on what Robert Atkinson was doing at the scene of the incident as his attention was not focused on him - states that after having his break and preparing his statement which happened between 4 am and 5 30 am, he then resumed mobile patrol on the periphery of the town centre, states that his patrol didn't go into the town centre because the barriers were close, barring traffic from entering the town centre - states that he does not recall R/Con Warnock bagging and labelling an elasticated waist band which R/Con Warnock states that he recovered from near the scene of the incident. Const Cooke states that the first time that he returned to the scene of the incident was with D/C Keys, states that it was daylight and believed that it was about 6 30 am - states that he walked to the scene from the police station

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with D/C Keys, states that nobody accompanied

them and recalls other members of his section

at the scene at that time. Const Cooke states

that he discussed with D/C Keys at the scene

the circumstances which he had witnessed, pointing

out the area where the assaults happened - states

that he returned with D/C Keys to the police

station - from returning to the station, Const

Cooke states that he was engaged on station

duties until terminating at 11 15 am - states that

he had no dealings in the investigation until

some months later when, as a casual HOLMES

Indexer he worked on the Hamill Murder HOLMES

Account. Const Cooke states that there is a copy of

his notebook entries for 27/04/97 already entered

on the HOLMES Account.

Const Cooke states, in a further question raised by

me, that he has no knowledge of any allegation that

Robert Atkinson contacted one of the suspects after

the incident and told the suspect to burn his clothing.

3 24 pm interview ended.