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At Portadown Police Station 1015 am Interviewed D/C McCrumlish regarding action raised re Atkinson Investigation. D/C McCrumlish referred to his notebook in recalling his memory of the time. D/C McCrumlish stated that he first became involved in the Hamill Murder Investigation on Friday 9/5/97 when he was detailed to report to Portadown Station to assist the murder investigation team. Cannot recall what specific investigative duties he carried out on 9/5/97 and went off duty at 5 pm that day. On Saturday 10/5/97 D/C McCrumlish states that he reported for duty at 9 am and attended a conference at Portadown Station - he states that was when he was made aware that a number of arrests had been made earlier that morning - stated that D/I Irwin took the conference during which he was detailed by D/I Irwin to go to Lurgan with DC McIntosh to interview Alistair Hanvey who was in custody there - states that he was directed during the conference to interview Hanvey and was told that there would be a further briefing regarding the points to be covered in the interviews after the conference. States that after the conference he recalls

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going into the D/I's office, to the best of his recollection this is where he was briefed, cannot say if D/C McIntosh. States that he was briefed by D/I Irwin, cannot recall who else was present. At this point in the interview D/C McCrumlish asked to refresh his memory from the interview transcripts and he referred to interview notes - states that from reading the transcript although he cannot recall the details of the briefing, he states that he was given a number of witness statements which referred specifically to Alistair Hanvey's presence and actions at the scene of the murder. D/C McCrumlish states that he was made aware also of the contents of a statement which suggested that a policeman had contacted Hanvey shortly after the incident and had advised him to dispose of clothing. D/C McCrumlish states that he was not made aware of the policeman's identity but he does recall being told that the policeman was either a trainor or a member of Brownstown Kick Boxing Club. D/C McCrumlish states that he was also told that Alistair Hanvey had been expelled from the kick boxing club for unruly behaviour. He can recall that he was briefed to enquire into the clothing worn by Hanvey on the night in question and he recalled mention of a dark jacket with grey sleeves. States that he then went to Lurgan where, accompanied by DC McIntosh he interviewed Hanvey. Stated that before the interview he discussed the issues with DC McIntosh in order to plan the interview. States that after the first interview he de-briefed [REDACTED]. Stated

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that two further interviews were carried and exhibits of clothing were put to Hanvey in the first interview - states that all interviews were tape recorded and conducted in the presence of his solicitor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - cannot recall what Hanvey was wearing when he was interviewed that day in Lurgan.

D/C McCrumlish states that on Sunday 11/5/97 attended a conference chaired by P39 states that D/C McIntosh and himself were directed to search the home of Thomas Hanvey D/C McCrumlish states that he was briefed that Hanvey had gone there after the fight and the purpose of the search was to locate any clothing that was Alistair Hanvey's and which may have been worn by him during the incident, he recalls that he was also briefed to search for a dark jacket with grey sleeves, he states that he was also told to look for any evidence of anything having been burnt at the house. States that D/C McIntosh and himself called at Thomas Hanvey's home and initially interviewed and recorded a witness statement from him. D/C McCrumlish states that after the statement, they then searched the house which was a small old age pensioners bungalow. which was a sparsely furnished. D/C McCrumlish stated that he looked in every room and particularly the room where Alistair Hanvey had slept and also checked all coats that were in the hall. States that he checked the fireplace examined the bin and visually inspected the front and back garden for evidence of any recently

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burned items - nothing was found and nothing seized from the address. D/C McCrumlish states that after dinner on Tuesday 11/5/97 he was detailed to interview Mr and Mrs Hanvey (Alistairs parents) regarding their son Alistairs movements on the Sat night, Sun morning and to establish what he was wearing - states that he did interview Mr and Mrs Hanvey, D/C McIntosh was also present and that when they left the house after the interview they drove a short distance down the road where they stopped and recorded details in their notebooks about the interview - D/C McCrumlish said that they did this because they didn't want to miss any of the points which was said to them by kenneth George Hanvey, D/C McCrumlish reference to his notebook entry about the interview. At this point in the interview, I requested that D/C McCrumlish produce to me a written statement about this interview with the Hanvey's and what Kenneth Hanvey and Elizabeth Hanvey both said to him at that time. At this point D/C McCrumlish wrote out a witness statement concerning that interview. DC McCrumlish stated that DC McIntosh had resulted a action in relation to this and submitted the action. D/C McCrumlish states that he remembers speaking to one of the senior officers on the investigation about the interview with the Hanvey's but he cannot recall who. D/C McCrumlish pointed out a further brief conversation which he noted in his notebook regarding a comment made by Kenneth Hanvey to him on 13/5/97. D/C McCrumlish included this in

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his statement. D/C McCrumlish states that he was briefed on 13/5/97 to carry out further searches at 117 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He recalls that at that time the police were still needing to locate the dark jacket with grey sleeves. The briefing to him at that time was to search for clothing which Hanvey may have worn on the night in question and to search generally for any evidence of burnt material. DC McCrumlish states he was to search [REDACTED] for the same reasons he had already stated [REDACTED] - doesn't recall specifically the reason for the further search of [REDACTED] but assumes a further check for Hanvey's clothing that may have been moved there after his search on 11/5/97 - cannot recall who briefed the search team accompanying them. In relation to the search at [REDACTED] DC McCrumlish states that while the search team were in the house he spoke briefly with Kenneth Hanvey and also the area of ground immediately adjacent to the home, states that he did not go out beyond the garden area and did not go into adjoining fields. D/C McCrumlish stated that he did not go into adjoining land because there was no obvious signs of recent tracks in the grass area surrounding the house, states that whilst the search team were inside the house, he walked around the property and carried out a visual examination of the ground immediately adjacent to the house itself, cannot recall searching in any outbuildings. D/C McCrumlish

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stated that nothing was seized during the search and there was no evidence of burning in the area he looked at. Stated that the search team accompanied P5 and himself to [REDACTED] - stated that P5 who had been at the search of [REDACTED] - stated that the property was searched again and nothing was seized. States that in both house searches he did not find anything similar to a dark jacket with grey sleeves. DC McCrummlish states that he was involved in a further investigative actions regarding the Hamill murder. In response to a question from me, D/C McCrumlish states that he was never made aware that the police officer involved was called Atkinson but was aware that the issue about the police officer telling Hanvey to destroy clothes was the subject of a separate investigation which he, at no time, was ever involved in. I asked D/C McCrumlish if he had any information about anonymous calls which were made to a number of persons about that case, stated that he had no knowledge of this whatsoever. 1 pm interview terminated.