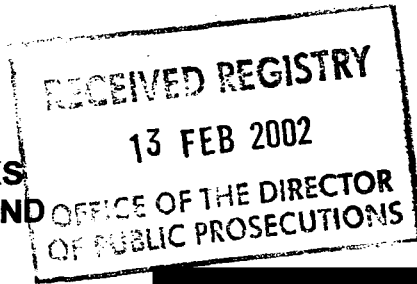


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Your reference:

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Date: **11 FEBRUARY 2002**

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**Dear Mr Kitson**

**RE: ANDREA McKEE AND MICHAEL McKEE**

Our meeting of the 31st January 2002 on the above subject refers.

You will recall at that meeting we discussed how best to ensure that Andrea McKee would give evidence for the Crown against R/Constable Atkinson and others. I stated that I believed that to defer sentence until Ms McKee had given evidence was the best option.

Having considered this matter further, bearing in mind the view proffered by you, Mr Simpson and Mr Matthews, I feel that I must urge you to seriously consider breaking with what heretofore would seem to have been the norm in Northern Ireland courts, and in this instance proceed by way of deferred sentence.

I am deeply concerned that if sentenced before giving evidence against Atkinson Ms McKee will simply 'walk away' which, as I'm sure you will agree, will mean that the case against Atkinson will be severely weakened.

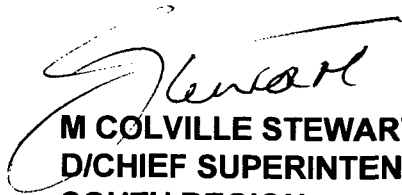
Whilst I accept that deferring sentence might lead a jury to all sorts of conclusions as they consider the truthfulness of Ms McKee's evidence, I am persuaded that they could reach exactly the same conclusion if made aware that sentencing took place after it was made

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known to the court that Ms McKee intended giving evidence for the Crown. Neither approach is completely satisfactory, but at least by deferring sentence a jury will get to hear what Ms McKee has to say.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

**Yours sincerely**



**M COLVILLE STEWART  
D/CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT  
SOUTH REGION**