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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Division J Sub-Division/Department PORTADOWN
Station/Branch CID Date 1 APRIL 1998

**SUBJECT: SCREENING OF POLICE OFFICER - R v MARC HOBSON
PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AT CRAIGAVON MC ON 20 APRIL 1998**

**TO: DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT
CRIME BRANCH, KNOCKNAGONEY**

The above case is listed for a Preliminary Investigation at Craigavon Magistrates Court commencing on 20 April 1998. The following refers:-

DPP Reference Number 2209/97
HQ Reference Number - C40/7/97

This is a high profile case and in which a number of Police Officers have been summoned to appear to give evidence.

On speaking to Reserve Constable Atkinson on this date, 1 April 1998, he has expressed great concern over his personal security. This is directed towards giving evidence in open Court in the presence of 'The Hamill Family' and their associates.

Due to the extenuating circumstances relating to Reserve Constable Atkinson and the publicity associated with this particular investigation, I feel he has grounds for concern and in which he has raised the issue of 'screening' from the public.

I request that this matter is brought to the attention of Mr Kitson, DPP Centre House, Belfast for consideration.



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DETECTIVE INSPECTOR 15170
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