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POLICY FILE

OFFENCE: MURDER (AND GBH)

- VICTIM(S):
- 1. ROBERT HAMILL, [REDACTED]
  - 2. D [REDACTED]

SENIOR INVESTIGATING OFFICER: D/C/SUPT MCBURNEY

DEPUTY INVESTIGATING OFFICER: P39 [REDACTED]

DATE ENQUIRY COMMENCED: MURDER ENQUIRY 8 5 97

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*Murder Policy  
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for consideration  
by DPP.*

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CASE OF: MURDER OF ROBERT HAMILL

DECISION NO: 1

OFFICER MAKING DECISION:

DATE OF DECISION: 9 5 97

D/C/SUPT MCBURNEY

TIME OF DECISION: 9 30 AM

DECISION:

To transfer the manual MIRIAM system to the computer HOLMES system.

REASONS:

This investigation is now the MURDER of Robert Hamill, 25 years.

On computer system to facilitate an efficient and accountable investigation.

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TIME OF DECISION: 9 30 / 9 35 AM

DECISION:

SIO - D/C/Supt McBurney

Deputy SIO - P39

Office Manager - D/Insp Irwin

Receiver/Disclosure - D/Sgt Bradley

The team of Detectives carrying out the investigation of GBH will now be increased by a further five Detectives.

REASONS:

To lead, organise & carry out a thorough investigation.

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TIME OF DECISION: 11 AM

DECISION:

ICPC appointed to supervise the investigation of the complaint made by Miss Diane Hamill re: Police inactivity at the scene on the early hours of 27 April 1997.

REASONS:

Direction received from ACC Hall.

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TIME OF DECISION: 11 45 PM

DECISION:

The following will be arrested on Saturday morning 10 May 1997:

1. Stacey Bridget, [REDACTED]
2. Dean Forbes, [REDACTED]

The following arrested & premises searched for evidence (clothing):

3. Wayne David Lunt, [REDACTED]
4. Allister Harvey, [REDACTED]
5. Paul Rodney Mark Hobson, [REDACTED]
6. Rory Robinson, [REDACTED]

REASONS:

Having now obtained evidence in relation to suspects involved in this crime.

Arrests/seizure of evidence/interviews to obtain further evidence in connection with the murder.

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TIME OF DECISION: 11 50 PM

DECISION:

To obtain records of incoming and outgoing telephone calls in respect  
of:

E Hanvey

R Atkinson

REASONS:

To establish the authenticity of intelligence.

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TIME OF DECISION: 9 AM

DECISION:

Two witnesses have been identified and to be known as 'A' and 'B'.

REASONS:

Intimidation. Ongoing re-assessment necessary.

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TIME OF DECISION: 9 00/9 05 AM

DECISION:

Rory Robinson not located, now circulated for arrest.

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DECISION:

D/C/Supt to contact [REDACTED], ICPC to brief him re: arrests and interviews.

11 30 am Unable to contact [REDACTED]. Spoke with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and Fee. She will get contact made with him & inform him of D/C/Supt McBurney's wish to speak with him.

REASONS:

To keep ICPC apprised of developments and to give them the opportunity to be present at interviews if they so wish.

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TIME OF DECISION: 3 PM

DECISION:

Re: Const Neill to attend Lurgan Station for confrontation  
identification.

Suspect refused all other forms of identification.

Other police officers were not requested to attend as it was necessary  
to interview them re: their ability to identify suspects and due to  
ICPC not available, the interviews were not carried out.

REASONS:

To obtain evidence by identification.

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TIME OF DECISION:

DECISION:

To charge the following with the offence of murder:

Stacey Bridget

Dean Forbes

Wayne David Lunt

Allister Hanvey

Paul Rodney Mark Hobson

REASONS:

Evidence to prefer the charge.

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TIME OF DECISION:

DECISION:

Rory Robinson located. Directed that he be arrested and detained for questioning.

REASONS:

To obtain evidence in connection with the offence of murder.

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DECISION:

To charge Rory Robinson with offence of murder.

REASONS:

Evidence to prefer charge.

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Meeting held with ICPC.

Those present were:

[redacted] and Mr Greg Mullan, D/C/Supt McBurney, Supt Anderson, C&D, P39

D/C/Supt McBurney briefed ICPC of incident and investigation so far.

[redacted] outlined his role in supervising the complaint made by Miss Hamill, which was Police inactivity at the scene.

D/C/Supt to continue with murder investigation. D/C/Supt to be in charge of investigating complaint.

ICPC to obtain copies of all documents so far in investigation.

REASONS:

All strands of the incident are inextricably linked. At this stage of the investigation it is necessary to examine all strands of the incident.

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DECISION:

Directions from DPP - Speak to Professor Crane.

REASONS:

To establish his findings and views as to cause of death.

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DECISION:

Simulation.

To seek views of ICPC regarding the asking of the police officers to relocate the police vehicle at the scene. To have forensic scientists present Photography, Mapping, Noise Expert.

REASONS:

To obtain evidence.

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DECISION:

To arrest Andrew Allen (Fonzy) on 15 5 97.

REASONS:

To interview & obtain further evidence in connection with the murder.

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To arrest David Woods.

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REASONS:

Named by Allen. To interview & obtain evidence.

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DECISION:

To release Allen from police custody - on bail.

REASONS:

Insufficient evidence to charge at present.

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DECISION:

To make contact with [REDACTED] re:  
seeking co-operation with witnesses and the Hamill family.

REASONS:

To obtain evidence for this investigation and to pursue family  
liaison.

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DECISION:

To release Woods from police custody.

REASONS:

Insufficient evidence to charge.

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TIME OF DECISION:

DECISION:

To continue to have close liaison with Witness 'A'.

REASONS:

Vulnerability of witness.

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