

POLICE OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
RUC (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988 (as amended)
RUC Reserve (part-time) Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals Regulations 1988 (as amended)

NOTICE OF REPORT, ALLEGATION OF COMPLAINT – PERSONAL EXPLANATION

To: (Officer): John McAteer Rank: D/Constable Reg No: 9469 DCU: Lurgan

As required by the above legislation you are hereby informed in writing that a report, allegation or complaint has been made against you.

DETAILS OF REPORT, ALLEGATION OR COMPLAINT:-

You were a member of the investigating team dealing with the unlawful killing of Robert Hamill in Portadown on 27th April 1997.

It is alleged that between 27 April 1997 – 12 July 1997, vital information was received from Reserve Constable David McCaw. This information concerned the alleged criminal actions of Reserve Constable Robert Atkinson and was provided by a member of the public identified as Andrea McKee. You were party to this information and were present at a meeting with Andrea McKee on 08 May 1997.

It is alleged that you failed to properly investigate or record details of the meeting with Andrea McKee

You do not have to say anything, but I must caution you that if you do not mention when questioned something, which you later rely on in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings, it may harm your defence. You may, if you so desire, make a written or oral statement to the investigating officer. Anything you mention when questioned or any written or oral statement you make may be given in evidence at such disciplinary proceedings.

What this means is that you do not have to respond to this notice immediately, but you may do so if you wish, and any response you make will be recorded. You may be interviewed by an investigating officer from the Police Ombudsman in due course.

You have the right to consult a ‘friend’ at all stages of the investigation.

Date: 13/5/97 Signed: [Signature] Grade: [Signature]
Police Ombudsman (Investigating Officer)

Served By: _____ Date: _____
Officer Serving

I acknowledge that I have been served with the original of this notice.

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Rank: _____
Officer concerned

Please note that in cases reported for decision as to prosecution at a criminal court, the investigation into alleged misconduct will not be completed until the DPP has given directions and if prosecution is directed, the Investigation will not be completed until the outcome of the trial is known. This does not apply to the ‘fast track’ procedure.