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POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

SOUTH Region **CID** DCU/Department
CID SOUTH REGION Station/Branch **16 MAY 2002** Date
SUBJECT: **R -v- ATKINSON AND OTHERS**

TO: **MR MIKE MATTHEWS
DPP**

This report outlines the outcome of police interviews with the following persons who have involvement in the case of R -v- Atkinson and others

- (1) Michael McKee



*Witness availability
Update
D/Sgt ^H [redacted]*

- (2) Rodney Smyth



- (3) Joy Kitchen



Michael McKee was visited in prison on 15 May 2002 by A/D/Inspector **H** and D/Constable **J**. He was invited to make a written statement as a witness as to the events and circumstances surrounding his plea of guilty to perverting the course of justice. He declined stating that he wanted to put the matter behind him.

Rodney Smyth and Joy Kitchen through their solicitor Mr [REDACTED] have both stated they no longer wish their statements to be used in evidence and want them destroyed.

Mr Rodney Smyth was interviewed on 11 April 2002 by A/D/Inspector H [REDACTED] and D/Constable J [REDACTED] and stated that he had heard his name mentioned in a pub by people he didn't wish to name and didn't want his statement to incriminate people because he was afraid.

Joy Kitchen was interviewed on 15 May 2002 by A/D/Inspector H [REDACTED] and D/Constable J [REDACTED]. She stated that she had heard through a friend that her and Rodney's names had been mentioned and she wanted nothing more to do with it. She stated she hadn't been threatened and wasn't in fear.

For information.

Find attached statement of evidence from A/D/Inspector H [REDACTED] outlining the content of all 3 interviews.

H [REDACTED]

D H [REDACTED]

A/DETECTIVE INSPECTOR