

- Q. It was Constable Orr?
- A. Oh definitely.
- Q. Definitely?
- A. Oh absolutely.
- Q. Okay.
- A. Okay.
- Q. At this point in time did you take any action to ensure that the scene of the alleged incident was taped off and being preserved for examination. I'm talking now 4am or shortly thereafter once you had the information from the hospital?
- A. Yes well on arrival of, of the Detective on call-out, that was one of the priorities and on the basis of the fact that now we had been made aware that this was a serious assault, it was prudent, in fact it was vital that the scene be protected as quickly as possible in order to protect any evidence that would be at the scene.
- Q. Now what time, from your recollection what time did Detective Constable Keys arrive?
- A. Again I can't be entirely specific in relation to that but again my strong recollection is that Constable Keys arrived into the Police Station within probably twenty minutes of the call being made. There certainly was no delay in Constable Keys coming to, to the station.
- Q. And are you saying that you specifically told the Detective Constable, as part of your briefing to him, to have the scene taped off or sealed or preserved?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. For examination?
- A. Absolutely.
- Q. And this was told to him face to face?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are you aware if a police presence was maintained at this flashpoint after the incident and if so, for how long?
- A. I can't be sure, I can't be sure.
- Q. Your journal entry also reads, "Requested that all late duty personnel who had been at the scene of the incident, Juliet Delta Eight One, should return back to Portadown Station for the purposes of making statements for CID". How was it so that after a serious assault had taken place, that these police officers were allowed to terminate duty without being properly debriefed?
- A. Because there was no evidence and nothing to indicate at any point prior to those officers concluding their duty, that this was a serious assault. To my mind it only became a serious assault whenever we were able to get information direct from the hospital. Part of the difficulty was that there was nothing at the scene to indicate that this had been a serious assault, whether by scene evidence or by direct briefing to me by other officers or indeed