

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

MURDER ROBERT HAMILL PORTADOWN 27 APRIL 1997

Detectives at Portadown have now launched a murder enquiry into the death of Robert Hamill, one of 2 men set upon by a crowd in Portadown town centre around 1.45 am on 27 April. The ACC for the region, Mr Freddie Hall, tonight expressed his deep sympathy to Mr Hamill's family and again called for witnesses to the incident to come forward. He said, " A special team was set up last week to investigate the assault and a number of people have been interviewed. We would still like to hear from anyone who was in the area of Market St, Woodhouse St and Thomas St between 1am and 2am on Sunday 27 April to get in touch with the CID at Portadown [redacted] or call the Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Mr Hall also stated, " I can assure Mr Hamill's family that my officers will be unrelenting in their search for the culprits".

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NOTE FOR FIC

Down the line done for Downtown at midnight and BBC at 1230am by ACC Hall [redacted] (in attendance)

ACC Hall will be unavailable in the early part of this morning (Friday). Any requests please liaise with Sgt [redacted]

FROM [redacted] IRISH TIMES

The Pat Finucane Centre Derry has a copy of all RUC Press releases relating to the attack which resulted in Robert Hamill's death. They have noted differences between the first release, which states that there was a clash between rival factions, and subsequent ones, which do not. Any comment?

RESPONSE

All the circumstances surrounding the death of Robert Hamill are being investigated by a D/Chief Superintendent under the supervision of the ICPC. comment.

(Also asked to carry appeal)
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