

It was at this juncture that Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney referred to a matter arising. During interview of Tracy Clarke the latter stated she had been talking to a person named Henvey prior to his arrest by police. According to Ms Clarke, Mr Henvey had boasted to her that one of the four officers at the scene (Reserve Constable Aikinson) had told him to get rid of the clothing he was wearing at the time of the assault.

Upon being questioned by Mr [REDACTED] the Investigating Officer asserted:

- (a) With the exception of Mr Hall (who police hope to interview in the near future), witness statements have been secured from all those identified as coming under attack after leaving St Patrick's Hall.
- (b) Police are aware of most of the Protestants involved. Seventeen individuals have been positively identified with a view to possible charging and this number may well increase.
- (c) Radio transmissions made by police have been secured. A transcript of the ambulance radio transmissions is awaited.
- (d) Despite media speculation, there is no useful video evidence available. Police have explored this issue but with negative results.
- (e) Forms 17/3 are to be served forthwith and are to be based on [REDACTED] letter of complaint.
- (f) According to the Investigating Officer, the four officers initially involved remained on the street throughout making one arrest at the scene.
- (g) The four officers involved were to a great extent unable to identify any of the Protestants involved. Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney expressed his surprise at this, particularly with regard to one of the members concerned.

At this juncture the Detective Chief Superintendent presented a substantial file incorporating all items of documentary evidence assimilated by him to date. Mr [REDACTED] commented that there were a number of issues he wished to raise arising from what had been said. However, the Supervising Member considered it would be more appropriate to defer putting these to the Investigating Officer until such times as he had the opportunity of analysing the evidence to hand. Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney assured Mr [REDACTED] the file papers would be delivered to the Commission on 13 May 1997. A further meeting is to be arranged when the Supervising Member has reviewed the appropriate documentation.

Prior to the termination of the meeting at around 9.40 pm, Mr [REDACTED] made the following specific points:

- 1 As Supervisor, he did not wish to hinder the murder investigation nor take any measures which may jeopardise the culprits facing prosecution.
- 2 The position regarding reinterview of parties involved will be assessed when the information to hand has been digested.

  
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