

Tuesday 23 December of a threatening letter relating to her attendance as a witness in this case. It was also known that Andrea McKee had attended a medical examination on 23 December in connection with her admission to a nursing course and that her desire to attend this examination may have influenced her attitude towards attending court in Northern Ireland the previous day.

Mr Simpson expressed the view that Andrea McKee was not credible on the question of whether or not she attended the clinic on 19 December. While there was no reason to doubt that she was telling the truth about the main issue on which she was expected to give evidence for the Crown, her credibility as a Crown witness would nevertheless be damaged.

The Director said that he had to be sure that he had taken every proper step to advance the case and he expressed the view that in all the circumstances Andrea McKee may remain credible on the main issue. It was important that he should take an informed decision on how the case may be progressed in accordance with the directing test. He noted that Junior Counsel, Christine Smyth and Mr Morrison had conferred with the witness but that Senior Counsel, Mr Simpson had not yet seen the witness.

He requested that Mr Simpson now confer with the witness and provide written advices as to whether she can be presented as a credible witness.

He directed that a police officer should attend the consultation to record a statement as to what the witness had said. The consultation should take place as quickly as possible.

In the meantime the Court sitting in Craigavon on Friday 27 February should be requested to further adjourn the proceedings on the grounds that the Director had requested Senior Counsel to consult with the witness and provide him with written advices.

Mr Simpson agreed to confer with the witness for the purpose of advising on her credibility.

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