

30. After leaving the scene, DCI [P39] and I went to the home of Rosanna Hamill to try to secure Robert Hamill's clothing. There was nobody there so we went to D's home. I was aware that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to obtain the clothing from the hospital earlier. We spoke to D's wife, E who told us she did not have the clothing. We stressed the importance of getting the clothing and she promised she would call at the station to see me at 11.00 that day. Firm arrangements were agreed with her to attend in order that she would be interviewed at that time.
31. It was the afternoon before E arrived at the station, although I had stressed that she needed to be there by 11.00am as I had other things to attend to. I waited at the station for her to arrive. I got the impression that the incident was getting very political at an early stage. E brought Mrs [REDACTED] who was a local politician and at that time the Minister of Agriculture to the station. Mrs [REDACTED] wanted to sit in on the interviews of all the witnesses and her behaviour towards me was very aggressive. There was a heated exchange and I put my foot down and said, *"No, there will be nobody sitting in on witness interviews. The witnesses will be interviewed on their own."*
32. I do not think E brought the clothing with her that afternoon. We were getting the run-around, for whatever reason, in relation to the clothing. They knew the importance of the clothing. Why it had to be handed to a solicitor a number of days later, only they can answer that, together with why they would not give it to the police at the time. My notebook entry for the 7 May at page 11109 indicates that I took possession of clothing on that date which I submitted to the Forensic Science laboratory later on that date.
33. DCI [P39] and I arrived back to the station at about 09.00 and Detective Constable McDowell was there. I had asked DCI [P39] to get me some extra manpower and therefore DC McDowell was called in. I briefed him and the Scene of Crime Officer, Constable Ardis. I told PC Ardis that all items at the scene were to be lifted, including all bits of glass, wood and other debris. It was a catch-all situation so I gave broad instructions. This also included a direction to examine the scene for blood.