

ever got back to me or DCI P39 with any information. On 9 May 1997 I spoke to Father ██████████ and Father Dooley, the two parish curates. Again, I cannot remember if either of them came back to us with information.

18. On 6 May 1997, I arrested ██████████ outside Portadown Police Station and I interviewed him. My statement of 30 May 1997 deals with the arrest and contains page number **9799** and the summary of that interview is at page numbers **7555** to **7556**. I do not recall why I was tasked to arrest him but from my recollection he gave a complete alibi and he was released accordingly.
19. On 8 May 1997, Reserve Constable **P20** came to me and gave me information about Reserve Constable Atkinson, which he had received from Andrea McKee, who in turn was said to have heard it from Tracey Clarke. Andrea McKee had told him that Reserve Constable Atkinson telephoned Allister Hanvey on 27 April 1997, the morning after the incident, and told him to burn his clothes. I considered that it would be better if Reserve Constable **P20** related this information to one of the senior officers at Portadown Station rather than to me. I understand that he spoke to DI Irwin after telling me, and that is how the information worked its way up. The only three people who were aware of what Reserve Constable **P20** said to me that night were DCS McBurney, DCI P39 and DI Irwin.
20. I do not know why Reserve Constable **P20** chose to confide in me. I had known him some time but it was probably because I was the first person he knew that he saw when he came in. He had obviously decided he was going to tell someone. From what he told me that night I considered that he had taken a lot on his shoulders to tell someone and I certainly did not doubt what he said.
21. I have been asked why Reserve Constable **P20** had the nickname "Squawker". This was because he talked in a rather high-pitched voice, and it had nothing to do with him passing on information.