

29. My notebook entry for 9 May 1997 at page **53320** states “Attended conference re the murder of Robert Hamill”. I cannot remember who gave the briefings at that conference but DCI P39 and DI Irwin would have been there. I do recall that the events of the previous evening regarding Reserve Constable **P20** and Andrea McKee were not mentioned. My notebook goes on to say at 4:30pm “Attended conference, further inquiries murder of Robert Hamill”. It was normal to have two conferences on one day. This would have been an update but I did not mention anything regarding Tracey Clarke because it was sensitive.

30. In the evening of 9 May DCI P39 and I interviewed Tracey Clarke. It was late because Tracey had been working during the day. I did not receive any briefing for the interview because I had attended the meetings on the previous day and I knew what the issue was. I probably asked most of the questions during the interview because I recorded the statement. It was not the case that DCI P39 had asked me to lead the interview. A copy of Tracey Clarke’s statement contains pages numbers **262** to **265**.

31. Before we started we explained the procedure to Tracey and from the outset we recorded the statement with the name “Witness A”. We had to drag the information out of Tracey in bits and pieces. The words did not flow but once she got talking about she explained the whole thing. She was quite upset and she could not believe that Allister had done it. Tracey said that as long as her name did not come out, she was happy to talk about it and she would give evidence in court.

32. From what I recollect, Tracey gave us a description of what Allister Hanvey had been wearing on the night but I accept that this does not appear in the statement.

33. Tracey said that she had talked to a few people about what she knew but she did not give details about who that was, apart from Andrea. She said that she had told Allister Hanvey that she had told the police about what had happened before we had ever spoken to her.