

knowledge of the individual's injuries. During my time in Portadown, I cannot remember a scene being preserved without knowledge of the injuries. Certainly none of the officers at the scene informed me that anyone had been seriously beaten and I had not seen anyone on the ground.

26. I note in my statement of 28 December 2000 [page 11085] I stated that Reserve Constable Atkinson had struck a man named Rory Robinson in the stomach using his baton. This information was taken from a baton report and was not something I observed personally. It is protocol to complete these forms when someone has used their baton. Reserve Constable Atkinson had advised me that he had struck a person, I then examined his baton and completed the form. Reserve Constable Atkinson had advised the person he had struck was known to him as Rory Robinson. I think I completed the form before terminating duty that morning. I cannot remember if I drew my own baton but I think in such a violent situation that I would have done so to defend myself. In my statement of 15 May 1997 [page 9216] I recorded, *"Later in the police station Constable Neill and Reserve Constable Atkinson both produced to me their police issue baton for inspection according to Force instructions. There was nothing of significance on either baton although I did note that the leather strap on Reserve Constable Atkinson's baton was broken."*
27. When I left the scene I knew that there was at least one casualty but nothing more. I left with Reserve Constable Silcock and we drove to Craigavon Area Hospital which was only 5-6 minutes away. On our way there we discussed the incident. I was feeling quite proud of the men for being able to resolve the situation. I do not think any names were mentioned.
28. We arrived at the hospital at approximately 2.50-2.55am and went straight to Casualty. We were confronted by relatives or friends of Mr Hamill who were verbally abusive towards us. One of them kept saying *"you let them beat my brother"* or *"my brother-in-law"*. I think they were making reference to what had gone on in the town centre prior to my arrival at the scene. There was some suggestion that the police had stood by and obviously, because I was in police uniform, they felt I was part and parcel of the whole thing. I didn't feel they