

asked them to put names to descriptions. They were the ones who knew the locals best. At that stage Detective Chief Inspector P39 was still the Detective in charge.

13. If it had been my investigation I would have made sure that any officer who had any degree of involvement or any information to assist the inquiry, made a statement of evidence immediately.
14. I have been asked when the police became aware of witnesses at the scene. I do not know exactly. I do not know when the police became aware of witnesses A and B. I can't even remember who they were but we certainly did not become aware of them on the day of the incident.
15. I have been asked whether there was any record kept of the GBH investigation as it went along. I cannot remember precisely but there would usually have been two occurrence books kept. One would be filled in by the Station Duty Officer and once CID was notified we would have kept our own book. If a reported crime took place there would also be a crime form completed. If it is a serious assault where it is decided that CID should get involved quite often we would complete the initial crime form, which would have been a "form 38".
16. When Mr Hamill died and the investigation changed from GBH to murder, the investigation was moved up a gear and the officers in charge decided that they would have to carry out searches and arrests. When it became a murder investigation Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney, who was the head of CID for the region, took a major interest in the case and started making the decisions. At the same time an incident room was set up and I became the Exhibits Officer. Thereafter, save for one search and arrest operation my time was taken up as Exhibit Officer, which included liaising with FSANI. I do not know who would have been dealing with items sent to forensics before my role commenced.