

17. My role as Exhibits Officer meant I had to ensure exhibits were handled properly. Uniformed personnel and detectives would complete a search and come back with exhibits that they had seized or had been handed to them. I would make sure that they were properly bagged, sealed and labelled. Each item would be entered in a property register and brought to the attention of the Detective Inspector or another officer who would decide what was to be done with them and they would be stored in the meantime. If he decided the item had to go to the forensic laboratory, it was my job to deliver it. Occasionally, there would be discussion about what we wanted the forensics lab to do, for example to look for fibres, blood prints or DNA.
18. On 27 April 1997, I received copies of the communications tapes from the night of the incident. I am shown my statement of 6 June 1997 page 9249, which deals with that receipt. It appears I received them from Detective Constable McAteer. I then sat down and listened to the tapes and transcribed what I heard. From memory the original tapes were kept as possible evidence and I transcribed from copies. There were two channels in use at that time; one was for contact between the radio in the vehicle and the operation room (channel 19) and, one was for the officers' pocket phones (channel 37). Sometimes if an officer tries but fails to contact the operations room from the vehicle he will try on his pocket phone. Pages 6583 to 6588 are the transcript of channel 19 and pages 10550 to 10561 are the transcript of channel 37.
19. On 9 May 1997, I collected blood samples of Stacey Bridgett and Dean Forbes from the fridge in the custody suite at Lurgan and delivered them to the FSANI. Pages 6560 - 6561 are my statement dated 16 June 1997, dealing with that. I do not know what happened to them after that.
20. On 10 May 1997, I attended the search of Stacey Bridgett's premises and subsequently arrested him. My statement of 15 May 1997 at page 9692 deals with that operation. I do not recall the brief for the operation or indeed any of the circumstances.