

4. I have not taken any courses at all in the HOLMES system. Prior to HOLMES being introduced, I attended a basic course in the previous system, MIRIAM. Rather than being computer based, it worked on a chart index system. It was just a basic course to let us know how the system operated so that, when we were doing our various tasks on an inquiry, we would understand what was required from us by the people who were still in the office working with the MIRIAM system.
5. I have been asked whether I know Reserve Constable Atkinson. I have known him for many years. When I was a part-time reserve officer, Reserve Constable Atkinson was stationed in Tandragee as a full time reserve constable.
6. In 1997 I was a detective constable stationed in the Regional Crime Squad (RCS) at Gough Barracks in Armagh. There is now produced and shown to me a typed copy of my notebook containing pages 53662 – 53675. The entry at page 53662 shows that I first became involved in the Robert Hamill murder inquiry on Friday 9th May 1997. DCI [REDACTED] was the RCS's Detective Chief Inspector, who had detailed us to go to the CID in Portadown to get involved in the Hamill murder investigation. My role was that of a detective constable carrying out inquiries: interviewing witnesses, and so on. Going by what is recorded in my notebook, because it is nine years ago and I have been involved in many, many murder investigations and other serious offence since then, I was accompanied by DC McCrumlish. The first senior officer that we came into contact with was DI Michael Irwin, who briefed us as to the details of the inquiry and what was required of us.
7. I honestly cannot recall what the strategy was in respect of the arrest of the suspects or the early identification of the suspects.
8. We normally received regular briefings each day about the investigation. To start with, when there was a murder involved we would have briefings at 9.00 am or thereabouts; then another briefing at lunchtime sometime between 1.00pm and 2.00pm; then a further briefing in the evening which could vary in time from