

17. I think that it was about 07.25 when Constable A and I returned to the scene of the incident to tape off the area. Inspector McCrum or Sergeant P89 could have issued that instruction, but I do not know. I do not know why the scene was not taped off sooner. When we arrived there it looked just like any other Saturday morning. There were pieces of paper, bottles and debris lying around on the ground but that was all. I do not think there were any other police officers about at this stage. I cannot recall if we were told to tape off specific streets, but I assume we were instructed to tape off the general area where the injured men had been. We were not told to look for any specific items, nor were we directed to collect anything from the scene. We stayed at the scene until 08.13. at which time we were relieved by other police officers.
18. At that time I did not realise how serious the incident had been, nor was I aware that Robert Hamill had suffered potentially life-threatening injuries. I believed it had been like any other disturbance in the town centre where people had been fighting.
19. We returned to Portadown Police Station by about 08.20. Portadown police station is spread over three floors. There is a recreational room, a kitchen on the first floor and a constables' workroom on the ground floor on the other side of the station. I would normally take my breaks in the recreational room or while completing papers in the workroom. We would talk loudly to people in the recreational room, and you could hear other conversations if the speaker wanted to be heard. I did not go to the recreational room that morning.
20. When we returned to the station a CID officer requested that we complete our notebooks and make statements. I think Constable Keys was on duty that night. It was normal practice to complete our notebooks before terminating duty, but it was not usual practice to complete a statement at this stage. I assumed that the statements were to assist the CID in making an arrest or some other follow-up. I was also keen to get home after a long shift so set about doing my paperwork straight away in the workroom.