

which is contained at page 17538, says I was briefed for the search by Detective Constable (DC) McCrumlish. DC McCrumlish was the investigating officer for part of the Robert Hamill investigation.

6. The rest of the search team would have been present at that briefing. My statement dated 30th January 2001 says that I was part of Search Team A with Constable Ward. I remember him being at the premises for the search. Constable Murphy was the log keeper.
7. I recall that we were briefed to search for items of clothing in connection with the murder of Robert Hamill, specifically a silver or grey jacket. We were also instructed to search for signs of burnt clothing. I should have taken a note of these instructions in my notebook, but I just took a mental note of them. Sometimes I do not put these details down in my notebook, but I am definitely sure that I was told this. The period of time between being briefed and going out on the search was not very long, so I can be sure that these were the instructions.
8. I am not aware whether previous searches had been made for a silver or grey jacket. I cannot recall whether we were made aware of the fact that there had been a previous search of the property a few days earlier. I may have been told, or I may not. If it were relevant, I would expect to have been told this. I do not know why there would need to be a search of the same property three days later.
9. The usual procedure is that the CID provides a search pack during the briefing. This normally contains a written list of items to search for and the Form 29 search log so that a record is made. The log keeper or person in charge of the search would then provide us with additional instructions or information. My notebook entry would be my written record of what I had been briefed to do. During the search I would probably have the list of what was being searched for to hand. I would then point out an item to the search leader or log keeper and they would then say, "yes, that is what we are looking for" or "no".