

not give me any instructions in respect of scene preservation, nor was the scene taped off. I did not pick up any items from the scene before I left. I cannot recall whether there were any police officers left at the scene at this stage or whether there were any police vehicles remaining. There is a possibility that somebody was told to keep a presence there or maybe that there was nobody there other than just general patrolling of the town centre. I accept that after clearing the crowd nothing was done in terms of preserving the scene because I do not think that anyone knew at that stage how serious the matter was.

30. I then returned to the station. Constables Cooke and Murphy might have accompanied me, but I cannot recall discussing what had happened with them. No briefing took place. I saw Inspector McCrum at some stage, but I could not say at what time. My next notebook entry is at 7.15am. It is likely that in the interim I took a refreshment break of some description. Breaks usually lasted about 45 minutes, and I would say that I took my break shortly after signing in the baton gun in the recreational room. Police officers can go to sit down in the recreational room to have a cup of tea and watch television. I think that there were other officers there at the same time as I was, but I cannot tell or actually recollect who they were. I can confirm that I do not recall seeing any of the Land Rover crew or my colleagues, Constables Cooke or Orr. Constable Cooke and I would have had the same refreshment break times because we were in the same crew. But he might have gone to the smaller kitchen downstairs instead.

31. After taking my break, I would probably have gone back out on general mobile patrol. This is likely to have been with Constable Cooke, who was driving. There is no particularly reason why I did not make reference in my notebook to going back out on mobile patrol. It is just what I would have done.

32. My notebook dated 27 April 1997 containing page 09972 records that I returned to the scene at 7.15am. I went out to cover CID, which means keeping an eye out while CID officers work on a scene. I cannot remember whether we received a