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5. On 9 May 1997 I had commenced duty at Newry on Regional Crime Squad duties I was directed to go to Portadown with Detective Constable John Dickson and assist with inquiries into the murder of Robert Hamill.
6. At Portadown I was briefed by DI Irwin and DS Bradley and was given actions to work on with DC Dickson. My first enquiry was with P45 and we visited him at his hairdressing shop arranging to meet him at his flat in Thomas Street after 18:00 that evening.
7. DC Dickson and I then made enquiries with a P46 regarding his knowledge/involvement in the public order incident on 27 April 1997. P46 denied involvement but his body language and demeanour indicated to me that he was aware of something.
8. I then made enquiries at the flat of a Mr. [REDACTED] with DC Dickson. Mr. [REDACTED] did not want to make a statement but DC Dickson wrote up the action [page 07774].
9. DC Dickson and I returned to Portadown Police Station for a conference taken by DCS McBurney, DCI P39 and DI Irwin. I cannot now recall what was discussed neither do I have a record of that briefing.
10. After the conference I recorded in my notebook that together with DC Dickson we saw P45 at his flat and obtained a statement [page 9123] from him between 18:45 and 19:20 on 9 May 1997. P45's flat was above Jameson's Bar and I have a vague recollection of looking out of P45's window to see what he could see. I believe the flat was on the top floor of the building. I have been shown a photograph [page 224] of the front of Jameson's Bar which has a ground, first and second floor. I cannot say which of the windows on the second floor I looked out of. What I can say is that the view from the window afforded a view down into Thomas Street and the junction with High Street/Market Street. I looked out of the window to confirm what the witness was saying he could see from his flat.

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