

5. Prior to giving the briefings I reviewed the Occurrence Book for any occurrences for the evening. My briefing also included any intelligence that the unit needed to be aware of.
6. I also briefed Reserve Constable Murphy that night who was not a member of my section. He was detailed to be an extra observer in the district Mobile Support vehicle which had the call sign "Juliet Delta 80". That crew were to provide extra support in the event of any incidents that night. There would normally be a crew of two, usually three officers in this vehicle.
7. Referring to my statement of 7 May 1997 [**Page 9213**] I see that at 1.50am on 27 April 1997 I was informed by the Communications Officer, Constable Godly, that a disorder was taking place in the Market Street area of town and that police in attendance were in immediate need of assistance. I do not recall whether I was given any other details. I cannot now recall whether Inspector McCrum called me or I called him, but we left the station together. At this point I did not know the seriousness of the disorder. It was not unusual to have public disorder in the town centre on a weekend at the time.
8. Inspector McCrum and I left the station on foot and headed down Edward Street towards the town centre and into High Street which was only 200-250 yards away. I have marked the route we took on a map of Portadown town centre which is now produced and shown to me containing page **73901**. Referring to my 15 May 1997 statement [**page 9215**], I remember I came across Constable Adams and Reserve Constable Warnock who were in a police car. They stopped and informed me that a serious public disorder was occurring and they requested the issue of a riot gun. They stated that a number of civilians had been attacked and assaulted by a large mob that had then turned on the police. I was immediately concerned and formed the view on the basis of this information that it was necessary to issue a riot gun to Reserve Constable Warnock. I returned to the station and issued a riot gun to Reserve Constable Warnock and took possession of a riot gun myself. I had been part of an MSU for around 5