

factions. We were not going to have it be said that Robert was fighting on the street. Our parish priest, Fr Dooley had been speaking to the police. He got up on to the altar at Sunday morning mass the day Robert was attacked and spoke about youngsters going out looking for fights and that they should not be doing it. We felt Robert had been blackened from the altar and by the press statements. We needed a solicitor and contacted [REDACTED] as we believed Robert had some insurance dealings with him. We wanted the police statements retracted. He phoned the police in our presence. We went to see him again a few days later but we were not at all happy that he knew what to do in this situation. Somebody suggested [REDACTED] so we went to her for advice.

26. It is difficult to recall now when we first met [REDACTED]. I am told her first letter of complaint made on our behalf is dated May 2nd (page 8088) so it must have been when Robert was still alive. Our main concern at that time was the failure of the police to help him. We were also concerned by the misleading press reports, which implied that he had been involved in a fight. [REDACTED] talked of an Inquiry fairly early on, I think.
27. My sister and I had already expressed our concerns directly to the police in Portadown Police Station. We had spoken to Detective Constable P79 and had asked him if the CCTV footage from the various businesses around the junction had been retrieved. I think this conversation was sometime between seeing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. We knew he had been leading the investigation as he had come to our house looking for Robert's clothing whilst he was still in hospital and alive. [REDACTED], my sister was there when they arrived and spoke to someone but was given very little information.
28. Fiona, another sister and myself went to the police station the day after the police came to the house and spoke to P79. We discussed the tapes and the Landrover. He seemed to suggest that there was nothing on the tapes and they had gone back to the businesses. Fiona specifically asked had the Landrover shown up on the tapes