

54. We were also made aware that certain witnesses refused to give evidence. One of them was Alastair Hanvey's girlfriend. I was shocked that something couldn't have been done to preserve their evidence or make sure it was used in some way. The DPP seemed very willing to just let it drop.
55. I was told about the statements of Witnesses A and B by my legal representative after his meeting with the coroner, the two who were afraid of giving evidence. This was the first time I was aware of the contents of these statements. I found out much later from the Ombudsman who one of these witnesses was. I don't know who the other person is.
56. I was kept informed by the office of the Police Ombudsman of developments in the inquiry into the behaviour of Reserve Constable P61 . We were very frustrated by the many delays. I was and remain at a loss to understand why this prosecution was also abandoned. I understand the prosecution felt Andrea McKee to be an unreliable witness because she exaggerated a child's illness as an excuse for not turning up to court. This does not stand up to me however as a good enough reason.
57. We have been intimidated by the people who were arrested for Robert's death. After one of Mark Hobson's hearings, one of the preliminary hearings, we were followed home by three of the people who had been let out of jail. I think Hanvey was one of them and Bridgett was one of them. We were driving out of the courthouse and they drove right behind us and followed us the whole way. Once we turned off down the catholic area they went away. I didn't report that to anyone because I didn't see the point of it.
58. Other issues that occur that I may not have touched upon are the difficulties experienced in getting the paramedics through and the failure to retrieve and preserve the CCTV footage. I was not an eyewitness but those who did see what happened talk of the delay in getting medical help to Robert. We had been told that