

suspended in May 1997 when the evidence first came available from Tracey Clarke. I realise in doing so it would have put him on notice and those around him and I suspect the reason he was not arrested in 1997 was the fear that witnesses would not come to court.

23. As part of the investigation I looked at the reports that Mr Atkinson had reported the loss of police ammunition from his locker. Similarly I investigated the threatening letter with bullet sent to Michael McKee on 5 December 2000. Forensic investigation proved no link between the two pieces of ammunition and although I cannot be certain that Mr Atkinson was not involved in the threatening letter there was no evidence to link the bullet received by Michael McKee to a police issue piece of ammunition.
24. The DPP on receipt of a prosecution file decided to prosecute Andrea and Michael McKee. At the behest of Andrea McKee's solicitor I wrote to her on 2 November 2001, page **34078**, putting on record Andrea's support for the police in the investigation. On 3 January 2002 I wrote to the presiding judge similarly putting on record Andrea McKee's assistance to the Police, page **14463**.
25. Prior to the trial of Andrea and Michael McKee I did discuss with the DPP on 31 January 2002 the possibility of Andrea after conviction having her sentence suspended to ensure that she returned from Wales to give evidence against the other offenders. This proposal was not accepted by the DPP or Counsel and although I did write to Raymond Kitson, page **22870**, on 11 February 2002 the DPP stood with the advice of Carl Simpson QC that this was not acceptable in Northern Ireland.
26. I retired prior to the conviction of the McKees and obviously had no further input to the case.
27. The other phase of the investigation was the allegation that two Reserve Constables had told Maynard McBurney and **P39** that Timothy Jameson had said he had kicked Robert Hamill on the night of the disturbance. The allegations against the Police Officers were the subject of investigation by Chris