

		<p>would inform the Chief Constable, Kent, who would take up the matter with the Chief Constable, RUC.</p> <p>SB offered to prepare a briefing to Kent and FBI officers re: Red Hand Defenders and the current situation vis-à-vis Loyalist Groups.</p>
1355	18.3.99	<p>Visit to forensic science laboratory Carrickfergus. Present was CC Kent, Mr [REDACTED] FBI, DCS Humphreys Kent, Laboratory Director, Forensic Scientist Dr. Murray, DCI Gutsell and CI [REDACTED] Kent.</p> <p>CC Kent explained the purpose of his role. It was confirmed that Dr Murray did attend the scene. Dr Murray outlined the current state of the forensic examination which included the examination for fibres, tape to be removed for specialist fingerprints, exterior examination of vehicle for fingerprints, debris sweepings to be examined. Dealing with the construction of the device - reference was made to the two magnets used which Dr Murray was pursuing regarding source by visiting MPD to speak to a magnet expert 23.3.99.</p> <p>The light gauge plastic container had been swabbed and indications were that a powerful explosive had been used. A blue plastic encapsulated mercury tilt switch also made up the device. The only significant item missing was a timer which Dr Murray felt maybe discovered when the interior of the vehicle was searched.</p> <p>There was considerable conversation regarding the possibility of this offence being linked to a number of previous incidents thought to be carried out by loyalist UFF group. These facts had already been relayed to the SIO. Dr Murray further stated that from his experience it was possible to attribute the manufacture of explosive devices to one person by virtue of style and signature. Dr Murray suggested that the device had been located underneath the drivers side of the car floor, ahead of driver. Following discussions, officers were shown both the victims vehicle and bomb debris by DR Murray.</p>
1517	18.3.99	<p>Meeting - CC Kent, Mr [REDACTED] FBI, DCS Humphreys and DCI Gutsell Kent and SIO at RUC HQ.</p> <p>SIO provided group with a brief update regarding the investigation, following which the CC Kent made the following observations and recommendations:</p> <p>1. Consideration should be given to setting out clearly a Crime Scene Assessment. The facts are clear, but afford several possible interpretations. Laying out possible motives, even if some are remote, should be the basis for establishing lines of enquiry. SIO response - agreed.</p>