

6. I successfully applied for the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and on [REDACTED] I was appointed as an aide to CID and was transferred to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] For the next five and a half years I served as a Detective Constable in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] named such due to the many sectarian murders within that area of Northern Ireland. Dungannon, Armagh and Lurgan were at the three points of the triangle which took in a large portion of Mid Ulster. [REDACTED] was also part of East Tyrone where, outside of South Armagh, the East Tyrone Brigade of the PIRA was one of the most notorious in Northern Ireland. Normal day-to-day crime investigation was mingled with investigation of a range of terrorist related incidents including murder.
7. As an emerging detective, I attended many major crime scenes which included robbery, bombings, murder and attempted murder. At a number of these scenes I was the first detective present and was responsible for directing other agencies with regard to scene examination. Other duties during this period included the interview of terrorist suspects in Gough Barracks and Castlereagh Holding Centres. Quite often these duties stretched over many days. At that time terrorists were often detained for periods of up to seven days. I had also the responsibility of preparing and submitting major crime files to the Director of Public Prosecution in connection with a variety of serious crimes including murder.
8. During this five and a half year period, I undertook the CID Aide course in 1977. This was a course of one-week duration and gave an overview to the legal and practical aspects of crime investigation. Trainers who were experienced detectives conducted the course. In 1980 I attended the Junior Initial course which was of eight weeks duration. The Junior Initial CID course was Home Office accredited and covered comprehensive legal and practical aspects of criminal investigations. There were practical exercises and inputs from a range of forensic scientists and other experts with whom a detective would be likely to interact. This was a comprehensive course that was part of every detective's development. It involved continual assessment during the course, with a final examination and report which was forwarded to the Head of Crime Department. The course, which I attended, was [REDACTED] held in Northern Ireland. Prior to that detectives from the RUC attended the ten-week CID course in one of the detective training establishments in England.