

18. By 1999 I therefore had considerable experience as an investigator with over 26 years police service, around 22 years of which had been in CID. I had dealt with a wide variety of crime, both of a terrorist nature and what was described as 'ordinary crime'. Over the years I had dealt with criminals from every political and sectarian background within Northern Ireland, including republican and loyalist.
19. I shall describe later in my statement the circumstances in which I was appointed Deputy SIO to Mr. Kinkaid in relation to the Mrs Nelson murder investigation. To complete my career history, upon the departure of Detective Superintendent Kinkaid on promotion in [REDACTED] 2000, I took over the role of SIO and was promoted to Detective Superintendent in [REDACTED] 2001, a position that I retained until my retirement on [REDACTED].05. I had completed 32 years [REDACTED] service in the RUC/PSNI, 28 years of which was attached to the Criminal Investigation Department.

CID STRUCTURE AND RESOURCING

20. In 1999 Northern Ireland was divided into three regions, North, South and Belfast region. Each region was under the command of an Assistant Chief Constable (ACC). South Region was sub-divided into four divisions, G, H, J and K. Each division had a Divisional Commander of Chief Superintendent rank. CID and Special Branch (SB) each had a Regional Head of Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS) rank and reported to the ACC for the region in addition to answering to ACC 'C' and 'E' department respectively.
21. Mrs Nelson's murder took place within the RUC's South Region. It may be helpful, therefore, if I first refer to the structure of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the South Region as at March 1999.
22. As the following diagram shows DCS [REDACTED] was the Regional Head of South Region CID and was based at Gough barracks Armagh. Gough was the Regional CID Headquarters. As already outlined South Region itself comprised four Divisions: G, H, J & K. Co-located with the Regional CID head were DSU Kinkaid, the Regional CID Deputy Head who had responsibility for G & H Divisions, and DSU [REDACTED], who was responsible for J & K Divisions. [REDACTED] Divisional CID Head of J Division which had three sub-divisions: Portadown, Banbridge and Lurgan. [REDACTED] DI [REDACTED], whose office was at