

customer based in Cork had been sent a tilt switch during that period. With the assistance of An Garda Síochána enquires revealed that the switch in question was purchased by a company employee for a legitimate motorcycle alarm. An Garda Síochána were satisfied that this particular individual had no paramilitary connections.

157. After a considerable process of investigation and elimination it was therefore considered that the **Company 1** shop in [REDACTED] Belfast was the most likely outlet from which the device had been purchased. Between 01.04.97 and the date of the murder, five customers in Northern Ireland were identified as having purchased a mercury tilt switch identical to that used in the device by mail order. Each individual was researched, located and interviewed with their reasons for the purchase and use of the switch being established as legitimate. Consequently they were all eliminated from the enquiry. We also established that an additional fifteen switches were sold as cash sales over the counter in the store between 15.03.98 and the date of the murder. Despite extensive enquires none of these customers were identified.

158. Although **Co. 1** did have a closed circuit television system, [REDACTED] All members of staff were researched and interviewed to ascertain if they could assist in identifying any of the customers who had purchased the tilt switches. [REDACTED] In the event, this switch proved to be a different type to that used in the device. [REDACTED] A total of 37 marks were identified. These were checked against the RUC/PSNI fingerprint database and specifically against the individuals in respect of whom intelligence had been received directly or indirectly identifying them as having been involved in the murder of Mrs Nelson. None of the marks were positively identified.

PP3 Battery

159. The battery recovered at the scene, largely undamaged, was an Every Ready Ultra Plus battery that was widely available in various retail and other outlets throughout the UK and Europe. What was significant about the battery, however was that the markings in the form of white lettering on its side had been