

which Duffy would have had access, were constructed differently from those used by loyalists including that which was used to murder Mrs Nelson. I also knew that PIRA had not deployed UVIEDs as a weapon for several years prior to Mrs Nelson's murder. Furthermore I do not believe that the PIRA would have sanctioned such an attack, and if the Mr Duffy had operated unilaterally the consequences for him would most likely have been fatal. Certainly I do not believe there was any basis for Mr Kinkaid or I to consider him as a suspect at the outset and nothing emerged after the arrival of Mr Port and Provoost or indeed throughout the entire investigation to change that view.

247. In the course of the investigation several intelligence documents were received from SB and one important document was received from a CID officer indicating who was responsible for the murder. Whilst one had to keep an open mind as to who was responsible, all the information pointed toward loyalists and in particular the LVF. I was acquainted with all of this intelligence and I knew about the forensic examination of the scene. In the course of the investigation [REDACTED] separate pieces of information were provided by [REDACTED] separate intelligence sources naming the bomb maker, who resided outside Mid-Ulster. Research revealed that this individual had strong connections with key LVF terrorists in North Armagh who had been named as being involved in the murder and he had visited the Commander of the LVF [REDACTED] before the murder. He had the knowledge and capability to make a UVIED and had been named as making at least three of the previous eight loyalist UVIEDs in the two years leading up to the murder of Mrs Nelson. Other intelligence revealed that he had made explosive devices for individuals in the Mid-Ulster UVF prior to them forming the LVF, and earlier in 1999 had supplied explosives to Mid-Ulster LVF. Mr Provoost and I have been conducting a review of intelligence received during this investigation and, whilst it is not complete, we have validated the intelligence received in respect of the bomb maker. In my view it is conclusive when viewed alongside the forensic, telephone data and intelligence received from our own assets all of which confirms significant contact between the named individuals just before Mrs Nelson's murder.

248. Every detective seeks to establish a motive for a murder, particularly if it is non-terrorist related. In the case of terrorism the motive quite often can be established once the victim is identified. Whilst I did not approach this case with a closed mindset, as soon as I heard of the attack on Mrs Nelson I immediately considered the possibility that it could well be a loyalist terrorist group that was