

- Both of the other interviewing officers (DC [REDACTED] and DC [REDACTED]) who are not subject of complaint state that they heard no discussion about the remarks complained of or any similar remarks or comments.
- Detective Inspector [REDACTED] describes both P156 and DC P207 as professional and conscientious officers.
- Of interest is Mr Donnelly's behaviour towards the youngest of the four officers, DC [REDACTED] both whilst in detention when he engaged in eye to eye contact when they were alone and, subsequently, at court when further intimidatory behaviour took place.
- Despite several requests for copies of Mr Vernon's contemporaneous notes, relating to his dealings with Mr Donnelly on 29th June 1998, that he offered to supply following the recording of his statement on the 21st September 1998, nothing has been provided. He was written to on the 9th October 1998, various telephone communications took place between Mrs Mitchell from the ICPC and Mrs Nelson's office, and on the 10th December 1998 I wrote, what amounted to a time framed ultimatum, asking for the notes to be supplied by the 6th January 1999 so that they could be commented on in this report. (See Other Documents pages 153 -154,155). No reply whatsoever was received.

Ultimately there is no way of knowing whether any derogatory or threatening remarks were made to Donnelly by police officers whilst he was in custody. Every available piece of tangible evidence, video, contemporaneous notes, other documentation, tends to indicate that no untoward incident took place. The officers subject of complaint were entirely co-operative and presented as professional, sensible and honest, answering all questions and refuting all allegations in a comprehensive and believable fashion.

Whether Mrs Nelson or Mr Vernon knowingly or unknowingly were involved in false allegations can only be a matter of conjecture but it is disappointing that Mr Vernon's promised notebook records, which might have thrown some light on the issue, were never produced despite both promises from him and repeated requests.

Equally whether Mr Donnelly's account is either true, a complete fabrication or somewhere between will also remain a mystery. However, I am satisfied that there is not a shred of evidence against the officers complained of.