

- Despite having been given numerous opportunities to attend for interview neither of the Tomans kept appointments, offering no explanation. The only 'evidence' they have provided are unsigned or dated typed 'statements' given to Paul Mageean. It is one of these statements from B. Toman that contains the only comment that could amount to a death threat. i.e. 'Tell Rosemary she's going to die too'.
- The complaints appear to be initiated by Mrs Nelson who has approached the 'witnesses' several months after the event to provide statements. Again if she was so concerned it would be reasonable to assume that, as a solicitor, she would have appreciated the significance and importance of information being recorded as soon as reasonably practicable for the weight of its subsequent credibility. Why did she delay for so many months? (March - October)
- There is no dispute as to which officers conducted which interviews as their details are recorded in the interview note booklets. The problem is the inability of the witnesses to attribute specific comments to specific officers. If the complaints had been reported at the time by the men or their solicitor this conundrum would not have presented itself.
- The delay in recording the statements may also account for the above and the sometimes confused or general descriptions which do not appear to tally with the interview records.
- Despite Mr Lynch's comments there is no independent corroborative evidence to support the allegations subject of his complaint. In fact at this time there is no evidence admissible in criminal proceedings from either of the Tomans or indeed anything to support their unsigned and undated accounts.
- All the officers strongly denied the allegations. There appeared to be a general consensus amongst them that this was a concerted attempt to undermine the professionalism and credibility of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Some expressed surprise at Mrs Nelson's affiliation to these complaints recounting occasions when they had met her socially or had tea with her in her offices, some claiming to have been on first name terms with her.
- The effect of these complaints certainly has had a detrimental effect on the reputation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary especially when considering the observations of Mr Lynch (LAJI) and the report from the United Nations rapporteur Mr Param Cumaraswamy (Ref. E/CN.4/1998/39/Add.4. dated 5th March 1998 for the United Nations 'Commission on Human Rights').
- If the allegations are true it is indeed a serious matter but likewise if they are malicious the matter is equally serious and would explain the officers deep resentment of these complaints.