

DETAILS OF COLIN DUFFY'S ARREST AND INTERROGATION

Colin Duffy was arrested at c. 4:00 pm on Monday 23.6.1997. Sharon Keeley of Rosemary Nelson's solicitors firm saw him at Gough Barracks at c. 7:00 pm. At that time he was not being questioned about any specific crime. Rosemary Nelson herself saw him on the morning of Tuesday 24.6.1997. The situation had not changed. No actual allegations were being put to him and she therefore advised him not to respond to the RUC's non-specific allegations. She visited him again at 7:30 pm and the situation remained the same. After this visit, she telephoned Colin Duffy's wife, [REDACTED] who said that a young woman had been taken away in a police van and all her furniture had been removed from the house. This suggested the young woman may have been taken into protective custody. At 9:15 pm Rosemary Nelson received a telephone call saying that Colin Duffy has requested a further visit that night. She told the RUC she would be there within 30 minutes. She arrived at 9:42 pm. When she arrived, Colin Duffy was still being interviewed by the RUC, although he had requested them to suspend interviews until he could obtain legal advice. At 10:20 pm Rosemary Nelson expressed concern at the delay in seeing her client and that fact that police interviews appeared to be continuing. She was told that the interview was "just being cleared up". At 10:40 pm she again expressed concern. On this occasion she was told that the Sergeant was speaking to her client. She finally saw him at 10:50 pm.

Colin Duffy informed her that he was now being questioned about the murder of two RUC officers, Constable Graham and Reserve Constable Johnston, in Lurgan on 16th June 1997, a crime with which he denied any involvement. He also told her that he had asked for his objection to the interviews continuing before he could obtain legal advice on this new and serious turn of events to be recorded in the RUC's interview notes, but they had refused to do so. He had then asked for the Custody Sergeant in order to make a complaint, but the Custody Sergeant had said that the conduct of interviews was nothing to do with him. Colin Duffy also reported that Detective Constable **P 121** had said to him, "You murdered those people. I'm sure your mother and your wife are proud of you and I'm sure Rosemary is very proud of you."

Rosemary Nelson asked to see the Inspector and made a complaint about the delay in obtaining access to her client, the failure to record his complaint in the interview notes, and DC **P 121**'s remarks. Colin Duffy also made a further complaint.

When Rosemary Nelson arrived home, very late, she telephoned senior counsel, [REDACTED] QC, who advised her to seek permission to be present during any further RUC interviews of her client. She faxed a letter to the RUC the next morning. She arrived at Gough Barracks at 10:59 am on Wednesday 25.6.1997 to find that the RUC had continued to interview her client in her absence. Colin Duffy told her that during this second interview concerning the murders, a Detective Inspector had asked Colin Duffy, "Are you trying to muddy the