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PRESS REPORTS ON COURT CASES ARISING OUT OF STEVENS INQUIRY.

DATE	NATURE OF CHARGES	DEPENDANTS	BAIL/OUTCOME	JUDGE
22.9.89	Stevens Inquiry. Possession of info likely to be of use to terrorists	UDA Stephen Hill, 17 yr old from Shankill Rd.	Sentenced to 30 months in a young offenders centre on 15.6.90.	
30.9.89 Belfast Telegraph	Stevens Inquiry. Charges under the Official Secrets Act of unlawful possession of documents (photographs, names and addresses) relating to 30 terrorist suspects and communicating these documents to another person without authority.	Shaun Robert Cunliffe, Royal Artillery.	Remanded in the 'care and control' of the army for eight weeks on his own bail of £50. Remand was <u>not</u> to military custody. Cunliffe was fined £500 for sending the photos to the Sun newspaper.	RN Harry Hall, Belfast Magistrates Court.
11.10.89 Guardian	Possession of ammunition in excess of that permitted in the course of their duties or by a firearms certificate. Stevens Inquiry.	Four full time members of the UDR: Darryl James Chapman, William Stuart Casement, Leslie David Wheeler and John Robert Thompson. James Neill is charged with possession of ammunition with intent to endanger life.	Unrestricted bail of £100 L J MacDermott. James Neill was held in 'Military Custody' but was given £100 unrestricted bail by LJ MacDermott on 17.10.89. On 16.3.90 R.M. John Pyffe imposed a fine of £100 on James Neill who admitted having 78 bullets in excess of his permitted amount; fines of £50 on five other soldiers who admitted having 70 excess bullets: Leslie Wheeler, William Casement, John Thompson Hugh Mills and William Lavery. Absolute discharges were given to Daryl Chapman for having three rifle magazines, and Stephen Harman who admitted having five or six training bullets in his office though none was ever recovered.	

15.10.89 Sunday news	Theft of photo montages from Dunmurry RUC Station on August 13 1989. Stevens Inquiry.	UDR. L Cpl. Wallace Francis Andrews, Pvt. Stephen Harris from Palace Barracks Hollywood.	Released on £200 bail. Re arrested in March, 1989 and charged with "the scheduled offence of possessing information." (Irish News 29.3.90) Both were granted bail totalling £850 after their lawyer told the court that Harris took the montage to show to his mother because his mother was suspicious of a new postman in the area and he wanted to check in case it was a particular individual"	Andrews and Harris jailed for 12 months each on 15.6.90
14.10.89 Irish News	James William Neill charged with possession of 78 bullets with intent to endanger life; Edward Stewart is charged with possession of a semi automatic pistol with intent to endanger life	UDR (Stevens inquiry)	Neill was given unrestricted bail of £100 by the High Court LJ MacDermott on 17.10.89. despite police objections that Neill would be in a position to thwart or interfere with ongoing inquiries. Stewart indicated that he would apply for independent bail in the High Court.	Magistrate Basil McIvor (Neill was given unrestricted bail of £100 by the High Court; (MacDermott) on 17.10.89. Will appear again on Dec 20.
18.11.89 Irish News	Possession of information of use to terrorists. (Photomontages, including John Joe Davey, the Sinn Fein Councillor murdered by the UVF) Arrests case about apparently as a result of the Stevens Inquiry. Two of the five were charged with possession of a shotgun in Derry last year.	UDA. Robert Allan, Kenneth Cavanagh, William Trevor Temple, George Harold Shields, and Jennifer Peoples, all from Derry. (see also case of William James Logan, infra.)	Bail refused. Remanded . Allan (Allen) was refused bail on 9.3.90 and in the course of the hearing his counsel claimed that he had received three photo-montages from the RUC stations at Limavady, Strand Road and Shantallow. McCollum rejected the suggestion that his possession of the documents was motivated by public spiritedness and refused bail.	Mr Justice Campbell who said he regarded persons who gather information as "just one step away from the murderer."

17.11.89 Secretariat	Possession of information likely to be of use to terrorists. Stevens Inquiry.	Philip Paul Jackson, from the Fountain Estate Derry	No date has as yet been set for his court appearance
11.12.89	possession of info likely to be of use to terrorists Stevens Inquiry	Loyalist. Dennis McGookin (McGuckin) a (former?) prison officer, from Derry; James Stewart from Belfast; Roy Lambe from Belfast. Lambe is also charged with possession of weapons and fundraising for the Red Hand Commandos. His brother is expected to be charged as well. Ir. News of 21.2.90 reported that a David Lambe was refused bail by LJ Kelly on 20.2.90 on charges of having documents likely to be of use to terrorists and possession of an assault rifle, two pistols and ammunition.	Remanded in custody until Dec 29. Refused bail by the High Court 13.1.90.
8.12.89	Possession of info likely to be of use to terrorists. Possibly linked to Stevens Inquiry. Three people were charged with intimidation.	loyalist. UDA. Sam Duddy from Belfast; Pauline Lambe, Belfast, are charged with possession of info. David Millard, Leslie William Jackson and Samuel Burke from Derry are charged with intimidation. Duddy was refused bail on 19.12.89.	Duddy refused bail again on 27.1.90 remanded for a further two weeks.
12.1.90 Irish News	Attempted murder of RUC officers during protests after the arrests of loyalists by the Stevens Inquiry.	John Miskelly, a soldier in the Royal Irish Rangers who was allegedly AWOL at the time the offences occurred. He was also charged along with a former soldier, Stephen Stewart, with two offences of hijacking on Oct. 10 1989.	His solr. Mr Paddy Donnelly, called for Miskelly to be remanded in military custody 'as is customary' in cases involving serving soldiers. An army officer testified that the army did not want to detain him in military custody. Donnelly argued that it would be dangerous to remand him to Crumlin Rd.. The Magistrate Mr. John Pyffe, refused to direct the Army to take him saying that a remand to military custody would only be appropriate where the alleged offence occurred while on duty. Miskelly's High Court bail application was adjourned by Mr. Justice Higgins on 27.2.90 to find out if the Army would take custody of him.

17.1.90 Stevens Inquiry. Withholding
Irish Times information which could have
prevented an act of terrorism.

UDA Tommy Lyttle. His son,
also called Tommy, and Eric
McKee face charges (under
PTA?) of possessing
documents likely to be of
use to terrorists. David
Brian Lambie was charged with
membership of the Red Hand
Commandos, possession of
weapons and documents likely
to be of use to terrorists.
Michael Joseph Hegan was
charged with recording
information likely to be of
use to terrorists.

Remanded in custody
until Feb. 9. Their
solicitor is Mr Paddy
Donnelly. Lyttle was
given bail of £900 on
24.1.90 by LJ Kelly.
Lyttle Jr. was refused
bail on 2.2.90 by Mr.
Justice McCollum.
Lyttle Sr. rearrested
on 8.2.90 and charged
with attempting to
pervert the course of
justice. It was alleged
that his fingerprints
were found on a
threatening letter to a
potential Crown witness
in a case which
concluded recently.
(The UDA extortion
case?) The police also
pointed out that a bag
of bullets had
recently been left on
the doorstep of a
sister of Brian Nelson,
(Carol Creighton) a
codefendant of
Lyttle's. Bail
refused. Bail refused
again by Carswell on
22.2.90 and yet again
on 21.3.90. Press
reports aborted
attempt by UFF to
kidnap Nelson's sister
on last wk end of
April. Eric McKee was
refused bail on 7.2.90
by LJ MacDermott.
McKee was said by the
Crown to be a high
ranking member of the
UDA and to have links
with the UFF. Michael
Joseph Hegan was
refused bail in the
High Court on 16.2.90.

20.1.90 Possession of info likely to be of Former soldier, Brian Nelson
Irish use to terrorists. Stevens
Times Inquiry.

Remanded in custody.
Reports on 25.1.90 said
he was being held in
isolation at Crumlin
Rd. Prison and that his
wife and family were
taken into protective
custody. Reports in
Sunday Tribune of
11.2.90 said that
Nelson had dismissed
his solicitor, Paddy
Donnelly.

20.1.90 Irish News	Civil action against the RUC seeking an order to compel the RUC to disclose full details over the theft of photomontages from Dunmurray RUC station.	Brian Gillen from W Belfast. The Chief Constable is resisting the legal action on the grounds that the matter is being investigated by the Stevens Inquiry.	In a reserved judgement the High court refused Gillen's application for judicial review on 29.1.90.	Mr Justice Carswell said that the Chief Constable's refusal to disclose the information in this case was not unreasonable.
29.1.90 Irish News	Possession of documents relating to IRA suspects. Stevens Inquiry involvement?	Loyalist. William Dodds from the Shankill Rd.	Remanded in custody to Feb 23.	
11.2.90 Telegraph	Stevens Inquiry. Possession of documents relating to IRA suspects. The charges concerned posters put up around North Belfast on 4 Feb.	Loyalist. Donald Hodgen and John Adair.	There was no police objection to bail which was set at £100 of his own and £100 independent surety.	
11.2.90 Telegraph	Stevens Inquiry. Passing documents on IRA suspects to the UFF in August of 1989.	William McCarroll.	Remanded in custody. Bail refused by High Court on 14.2.90. At bail hearing it emerged that McCarroll was the 'official photographer' for the UDA and the UFF. The photograph of Loughlin Magian given to the BBC after his murder was traced to McCarroll who is said to have taken it from a videotape made of army material by loyalist paramilitaries. McCarroll was assaulted (by republican prisoners acc. to press report.) in the course of disturbances at the prison on 13 May and he was later taken to hospital. He was granted bail of £500 in the High Court (LJ Kelly) on 22.5.90.	
18.2.90 Sunday Life	Making items of an RUC uniform available to the UFF and possession of two handguns in suspicious circumstances.	Loyalist. (Stevens Inquiry?) Colin Alexander Hall from Shankill Parade. his arrest followed a UTV report showing a masked man in a police uniform handing papers to two others in paramilitary style dress.		

28.2.90 Telegraph	Collecting information of use to terrorists. (Stevens Inquiry?)	UDA. William James Logan, who is said to have compiled detailed information on approx. 500 people said to have been members of 'Republican Sinn Fein' in the Derry area. The names included those of John Joe Davey and Gerard Casey. The level of detail included the times people collected their children from school. The material is said to have originated from official sources - some from Army files.	Bail refused.	Mr. Justice Nicholson.
8.3.90 Newsletter	Stevens Inquiry. Possession of documents likely to be of use to terrorists.	Gordon Mahaffay.	Mahaffay was allegedly arrested on the word of Brian Nelson (Supra). He was remanded in custody to March 23.	
23.3.90 Irish News	Stevens Inquiry. Possession of information of use to terrorists.	Loyalist. William James Elliott, Matthew Kincaid, Joseph English and Samuel McCormack. English refused bail 12.4.90. English alleged by the Crown to be a member of the UDA 'Inner Council'	The source of the documents alleged to have been in their possession was Brian Nelson (supra). Remanded in custody. Samuel McCormack (McCormick) was given bail by Mr. Justice Nicholson on 29.3.90. McCormack was said by the Crown to have been a UDA commander in the Dondonald area and a member of the UDA 'Inner Council'. Police accepted that he is an invalid but police believe that he is still an influential member of the UDA.	