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County Inspector,
Royal Ulster Constabulary,
LONDONDERRY.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware I am instructed on behalf of the following people:-

Samuel Devenny, 69 William Street, Londonderry.
Catherine Devenny, do.
Ann Devenny, do.
Harry Devenny, do.
Frederick Budd,
Patrick Hargin, 15 Malon Gardens, Londonderry.

All of whom received injuries as a result of an incident at 69 William Street, Londonderry on Saturday, 19th April, 1969, at approximately 9.15 p.m.

You will see that the incident involves an allegation that my clients were assaulted by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or persons purporting to be members.

Formal complaints have already been lodged by the injured parties and of course, complaints made at the time of the commission of the offence, to the Constables present.

In normal circumstances in a Criminal Injury Claims my instructions to my client would always be to co-operate fully with the Police in the investigation of the occurrence. I would normally make available my clients full statements and allow the Police investigation to take its normal course.

It will be obvious to you that this can not be the position in this case. Certain specific conditions must be imposed upon any investigation by the Police in the interests of my clients in particular, and justice in general.

As a result of formal complaints made and the detailed conversation which Mr. Vincent Hanna had with County Inspector Magill on Friday night last, 25th April, you will have sufficient information in your possession to enable you to carry out investigations to reveal the identity of the Police Constables and others involved in the occurrence.

I would like an assurance by return from you that such investigations have commenced and I would like a detailed progress report from time to time on your investigations.

It is essential that a senior officer, who is independent to Derry, be appointed forthwith to carry out an investigation. On receipt of the name of this officer I will be pleased to co-operate

with him in every way towards the investigations of this occurrence. I would like, if possible, the names of the persons involved in the occurrence as soon as they are to hand.

It is not in any way my clients intention to obstruct the due process of law but I am sure that you will only too readily realise the experience they have suffered has reasonably affected their attitude towards an investigation which they would consider to be partial.

I am sure that you will comply with my request and let me hear from you by return.

Yours faithfully,