

just came out the blue, unexpected as I say.

Can you say whether he was in the school grounds or not? - Yes, he was definitely, because had he been any other way, that is to say coming from the back -- there is a road that comes in the back of the school, and we would have seen him coming down that road when we were coming to the gates. He was in the annexe, one of the annexes to the school.

As you walked along the path was the school to your right or your left? - Left.

The gates you are talking about, were they to your right or your left? - Well, they were a'fore us.

In front of you? - Yes.

These gates lead to where? - The gates lead out to Springfield Road, the gates of the school. They come off Springfield Road past the church and into the school playground.

How are you able to tell where Hamilton had actually come from? - Well, I would have seen him had he been in that part of the road from the back of the school.

Because you didn't see him where you would expect to see him if he was walking in the ordinary course like yourself, is the only place he could have come from.....? - The annexe to the school.

Did you speak to him? - Yes.

What did you say to him? - I turned round and said, "Where did you come from?" and he said "I was away to organise another boys' club". I just went to ask a question and -- he seemed agitated as if he had been caught out.

Did you address him by name? - Yes.

What name did you call him? - John.

Why did you call him John? - Well, I wasn't thinking properly at the time. It is actually a little -- I thought his name was John and he/

he brought us up on that and he says, "My name is not John, it is Tom".

This fairly unsavoury character whom you have told us lives across the road from you -- you didn't know his name for sure?
- I knew his name, it was just a misinterpretation at the moment.

Are you sure about it now that it was him? -
Certainly, definitely. There is no other one in Scotland like him.

I think you were asking him where he had been. Did you ask him anything else in that conversation? - Yes. I asked him what he meant by starting a boys' club at a quarter past 11 at night in the dead of winter, and he suddenly went on -- what I wanted to ask him, I asked him for the name of the Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club's address or the telephone number of it.

Why did you ask him that? - My estranged wife had told us previous to that she had been to the rifle range with him at **Dunblane Victoria School and she** had been embezzling money which was not to my knowledge, and I was wanting to rectify that with the gun club, I had nothing whatsoever to do with it, and I was wanting to contact them either by phone or by writing to the Secretary to point that out.

So you took this opportunity to ask him for what information? - The Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club's phone number, or the address of that place. He told us it wasn't a static building they had. He informed us that might have been in his mail, that is to say the telephone number or the address.

Now, you told me earlier you had seen him on some other occasion before the 13th March. When was that? - That was the 3rd of March we were talking about.

When was the next time you saw him? -
Approximately the 10th of March. We were going down, Helen Peters and I, my girlfriend, were going down to Cecil Street Garage at night to get the morning paper that comes in early, and he stopped me, he wanted to talk about the request I had made of/

of him.

How long after the evening you have told us about was that? - After the 2nd or 3rd March, it would be approximately seven or eight days.

Did you speak to Hamilton on that occasion? - Yes, in Cecil Street.

On the week of the Dunblane incident did you see him? - No. My girlfriend was looking out of the window and she said, "There's Thomas Hamilton away by".

What day was that? - The Monday.

Two days before? - She brought it to my attention it was a different colour of briefcase than he normally had. It was normally black, as if we would get the assumption he was into photography, but I knew otherwise through the estranged wife, he was in the gun club along with her.

This is the Monday -- what time? - Approximately 9 o'clock, half past 9.

What was he carrying? - It was a tan briefcase with insertions for guns.

Where was he going? - Going out the street.

From his house? - Yes.

Did he have any transport there? - No, he was walking.

Describe to me please the briefcase? - It was a tan briefcase, one that I had seen about in the military that officers had shaped for taking the contents of guns.

This is something for transporting guns, is it? - Yes. It is a briefcase.

But specifically for guns? - Yes.

Is that the last time you ever saw him? - Yes.

No cross-examination.

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