

## **Dunfermline dodged Hamilton's bullets thanks to reporter Kelly**

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Headline: Prophetic warning' on Hamilton

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Article: THE Cullen inquiry heard yesterday about a prophetic warning issued by the reporter to the children's panel in Fife of a "tragedy almost waiting to happen" if Hamilton's let of a school for his boys' club was allowed to go unchecked.

The memo was written by the reporter, Alistair Kelly, in 1992 after an incident when three boys left a summer camp at Dunblane High School on the evening of 29 June. Details of the incident were not outlined, but the inquiry heard that it had been investigated by Central Scotland Police.

George Baxter, 60, supervisor of the centre at Woodmill High School at which Hamilton ran a boys' club, was questioned at the inquiry about the killer. During the questioning, Jonathan Lake, junior counsel for the Crown, referred to several passages in Mr Kelly's memo, including references to concerns expressed by parents at the time.

He said that Mr Kelly had written that, just because children had come to no harm in the incident, there was no guarantee of children remaining unharmed should similar events recur.

The memo continued: "Clearly, the events of 29 June 1992 in Dunblane, in a sense, serve as a warning that if the kind of circumstances that are described are allowed to continue without some kind of intervention, I consider that other children may be placed at risk..."

Mr Kelly's memo added: "I fear that a tragedy to a child or children is almost waiting to happen."

Mr Baxter said that after the memo, the let of Woodmill High was withdrawn from Hamilton, who was told it was no longer available.

Mr Baxter added that a copy of the memo was sent to Chief Superintendent Alexander Elder of the Fife constabulary.....