

The final series of warning calls were made from the PCB Patrick Street Newry. At 11.05 hrs to the Royal Victoria Hospital, at 11.09 hrs to the Irish News again and finally at 11.10 hrs to the Samaritans Belfast again.

All these warning calls basically contained the same message that there was a car bomb parked in the middle of Lisburn town in a grey Toyota Corolla Import going to go off in forty-five minutes to an hour. The code word Martha or Martha Pope being used. Several of the calls made reference to this being the group that had carried out bombings in other towns in the not too distant past.

LINKING INCIDENTS

The following points will encapsulate the similarities of the telephone evidence in these three incidents.

1. The system of communications used to run each of these three car bombs into their destinations. We see the same group of core mobile phones, attributable to the same core group of dissident terrorists, being used as they assemble for action, working off the South Armagh/North Louth cell sites and when the conditions are obviously right, the progression of these phones operating of the cell sites along the obvious route to the selected provincial Northern town.
2. The use of Public Call Boxes – In the Lisburn incident the three PCB's are Patrick St, Newry, Parkview Cloghoge, and Barney's Service Stn. In the Banbridge bomb the use of the Parkview PCB again shows a direct link, and further when the terrorists saw the immediacy and extent of the forensic examination of the boxes and the house to house enquiries in these populated areas, when the Omagh incident occurred two remotely located PCB's were used with little chance of the call makers being observed. Remaining with the Omagh incident the use of the PCB at Barney's Service Stn to check the locations that were later to receive the warning calls is a further direct link back to those responsible for the Lisburn incident as it was used in it and furthermore links to the Banbridge incident as it was the catastrophe of the warning calls in it that necessitated the checks to be made.
3. Codeword – Martha Pope is used throughout all three of these incidents and was furthermore seen to be a common theme throughout most of the Dissident Republican incidents during 1998. The only variances on Martha Pope are due to misunderstandings on the part of the recipients due to accent and brevity.
4. Organisation – Oglagh Na hEireann is the organisation quoted in the claims of responsibility in both Omagh and Banbridge. No claim was made for Lisburn, but it should be noted that the codeword Martha Pope was used.

SEAMUS DALY – DIRECT LINKS

1. The identification of Daly by Denis O'Connor as being the man on the