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CASE OF: Omagh Bomb

DECISION NO: 1

DATE OF DECISION: 15 8 98

TIME OF DECISION: 5 pm

OFFICER MAKING DECISION: D/Superintendent B McArthur

DECISION: Re Scene

1. Extend scene from Scaffie Lane junction with Market Street to Bridge Street junction with Market Street.
2. Have scene cleared of all people including emergency services before commencing scene examination.
3. Scene examination agencies, mapping, photography, SOCO and Forensic Scientist should muster at Omagh RUC Station for

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Call out the Force Body Identification/Recovery Team - commanded by
D/Superintendent John Middlemiss.

REASON:

To take on task of having bodies identified and recovery of deceased's
property and to liaise with HM Coroner and State Pathologist. The
team will compile all necessary documentation re continuity of bodies,
identification of bodies, continuity of property (exhibits) and
prepare necessary documentation for Coroner/Pathologists, ie P1 etc.

In short this BRIT team will take on all necessary work relating to
deceased persons thus freeing up SIO and investigation team to
concentrate on direction of those responsible.

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DECISION NO: 7

DATE OF DECISION: 15 8 98

TIME OF DECISION: 9 pm

OFFICERS MAKING DECISION: The Chief Constable in liaison with

D/C/Superintendent Anderson and

D/C/Superintendent Houston

DECISION:

The following appointments agreed with the Chief Constable re

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investigation management.

Task Force Commander - D/C/Superintendent Anderson

Senior Investigating Officer - D/C/Superintendent Houston

D/SIO - D/Superintendent B McArthur

It was further agreed that D/C/Superintendent Anderson will 'front' the investigation with the others and in his role of D/ACC, Crime, arrange any outside resources required.

REASON:

The appointment of D/C/Superintendent Anderson as press/media liaison officer adopted in order to relieve the SIO of their responsibility.

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DECISION NO: 8

DATE OF DECISION: 15 8 98

TIME OF DECISION: 9 pm

OFFICERS MAKING DECISION: D/C/Superintendent Anderson

D/C/Superintendent Houston

DECISION:

The investigation will go onto the HOLMES System, which will be set up in Strabane Station. A satellite HOLMES office will be maintained in

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Omagh Station. The Incident Room will be established at Omagh Station.

REASON:

The reason the major HOLMES Room will be established in Strabane Station is twofold:

1. The telephone lines in the Omagh Station have been affected in the bomb and will not be repaired for at least 24 hours.
2. The HOLMES Room in Omagh is very small for such an anticipated large enquiry.

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DECISION NO: 9

DATE OF DECISION: 15 8 98

TIME OF DECISION: 9 pm

OFFICER MAKING DECISION: D/C/Superintendent Houston

DECISION:

Family Liaison Officers for each deceased's family arranged through SDC, Superintendent Baxter. Uniformed officers used in this role due to demands on detective staff to form investigation team.

REASON:

To maintain a good rapport with the next-of-kin for this duration of

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