

Eddy Ross: Police Interview on 12 August 1994

"Since I was 12 years of age I have had a keen interest in all types of firearms.

In June 1969 (000669) I joined the army and served with the following regiments:

1969-1972 (0069-0072) - 1st Battalion Black Watch then based at Kirknewton, Mid Lothian

1972-1974 (0072-0074) - 6 Months training as an armourer at Borden in Hampshire at school of electrical & mechanical engineering.

Seconded to Light aid detachment of REME of 1st Battalion Royal Green Jackets based at Celle, West Germany.

I left the army in July 1974 (000794) and returned to Orkney.

In August 1974 (000894) I joined the Northern Constabulary.

I maintain my interest in firearms to this day and have a number of weapons and a large number of reference books on firearms.

The morning after the murder at the Mumtuaz Indian Restaurant I was shown the casing and the bullet whilst they were still in situ in the restaurant.

I was not able to handle the casing but was able to get a note of the markings which were on it.

From the position where the casing lay in relation to where the bullet was embedded in the wall, I was able to deduce that the weapon was a semi-automatic pistol with a right hand ejection in a forward direction.

The markings on the casing were KF 72 9MM 2Z. From these markings I could tell from the 72 that 1972 (000072) was the year of manufacture. The 9mm indicated the calibre and 2Z indicated that it was military round. The 9mm 2Z is designed for 9mm sub machines used by the military.

I later looked up my reference books and these showed that KF stood for Kirkee Arsenal in India.

I was aware that 2Z is one of the most common rounds of ammunition in use.

I was able to have a look at the fire pin indentation in the casing and noticed that the case had a very light indentation on the primers which to me meant that there had been no adjustment made to the pistol in relation to its use with 2Z rounds which are used in machine guns and therefore have harder primers.

I was able to have a look at the bullet which was still embedded in the plasterboard and was able to make out that it was standard rifling on the bullet with a right hand twist.

I didn't see the bullet after it was removed from the plasterboard and therefore cannot comment further on it.

I was able to get another look at the casing after it was bagged and from markings on the rim it was obvious that it was not a virgin round and would appear to have been chambered on previous occasions. There was also a powder burn on the outside of the case which indicated that the pistol had some wear in the breach area of the barrel which would have allowed for the escape of burning powder this causing the burn.

It would appear to be just a standard 9mm pistol. I knew it was not a Colt pistol as they have left hand twist to the rifling, or a modern 9mm pistol.

Myself and [REDACTED] tested all the 9mm pistols legitimately held in Orkney with the exception of three which are my own 9mm Steyr which has a major barrel defect and cannot be fired, and a 9mm rimfire saloon pistol owned by [REDACTED] and a weapon which was a deactivated 7.65mm Browning pistol which had been wrongly classified as 9mm, belonging to [REDACTED].

I am the Secretary of the Orkney Full Bore Association, and have supplied the names of the other members.

About 1989 or 1990 (000089 or 000090) when I was stationed in Kingussie and returned to Orkney for same reason, I met Jim SPENCE, Orkney. Jim was ex Royal Marines having discharged in 1981 (000081).

He offered me 9mm ammunition he was in possession of, that he had after leaving the Royal Marines and wanted rid of it as he didn't have a certificate. At same time thereafter, I think within the same year, I met him and he gave me a box of 9mm military 2Z and 2 boxes of .22, one of which was not sealed. The .22 was ex-military in 100 round boxes.

Jim had no interest in shooting at this time and knew I did and that I used 9mm.

He is not a member of the Small Bore Club and as far as I know never has been.

I don't know if Jim had any other ammunition but I don't think he would have.

On Thursday, 11 August (110894), I was checking through my ammunition box, on what quantity I had as I intended to uplift some ammunition when I went south in the near future. I found a sealed box of 35 9mm MK2Z, KF ammunition produced in 6/3/72 (060372). The additional markings were (symbol) which was not used on the rounds after 1965 (000065) and H3289 which may be a batch number, and D/I in a purple diamond mark which I don't know the significance of.

I delivered this box to Angus CHISHOLM. I don't have and never have had any more of that ammunition, as far as I am aware. I wouldn't use this ammunition in my own guns because of the quality.