

Police chiefs tell of 'bent rules'

David Pallister

THREE senior chief constables have admitted that the police forces in which they first served used physical intimidation, planting of evidence and fabrication of notes to secure convictions.

Charles Pollard, of Thames Valley, claims that everyone involved in the criminal justice

in a way to make sure that the case had the strongest chance of going through to a conviction. I don't justify it, but I think I can explain it in its historical context."

Mr Pollard says there was a lot of scope to manipulate the system. "Everyone knew it happened like that — judges, magistrates, the whole criminal justice system had a sort of conspiracy that . . . if you didn't