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and other offences whose proceeds had financed Angry Brigade activities.

Criminal records also produced a photograph which the watching detective confirmed to have been the
caller at the farm.

Mr. Pugh continued, "However, the true name attached to the photo-
graph was Peter Waring, and it was established that the name of Peter
John Panting was in fact an alias used
by Waring.

"Waring, alias Panting, was in fact at the material time living in
Llanddewi Brefi. Most unfortunately, however, in the next village to Llan-
dewi Brefi there also lived another
gentleman called Panting, Mr. Peter
J. Panting, who was a long-standing
resident of the Lampeter and Tregaron
area, having lived and worked there
for 20 years."

As this Mr. Panting was the only
Panting listed in the South-West
Wales telephone directory, it was
understandable, said Mr. Pugh, that
he had been identified by many
people in the area as the character
in the book.

Mr. Peter James Panting, aged
50, then a teacher and who now works
in the laboratories at Tregaron
Secondary School, admitted last night
he had been a frequent visitor to
Penlleinau, home of Christine Bott
and Dr. Richard Kemp, both now
serving gaol terms.

But he said he was unaware the
hair had been involved in any form
of drugs manufacture or trafficking.

Mr. Panting said, "I was con-
ected with these people only from
the do-it-yourself and self-sufficiency
side of things. I had known Miss Bott
quite well and that is why the police
took the number of my Mini-van.
"They took the numbers of
everyone who went to their cottage.
"I went there several times
during the period that an intensive
watch was being kept on the place
by the police. I went there in
absolute innocence to advise them
on keeping poultry and goats and I
also went there socially on some
occasions."

Mr. Panting, who has lived in the
area for 20 years, said that at the
time of the publication of the book
people stopped him on the road.
"Some were quite rude. I think I
lost a job through this," he said.
"I applied for a lecturership at
Dyfed College of Art and I think
this mention of my name could have
affected my chances. I didn't even
have an interview but the waiting to
hear the outcome of my application
was long drawn out."

Mr. Panting complained that none
of the authors or the publishers
approached him to check their facts.
"It all came like a bolt out of the
blue," he said. "It implied that I was
an associate of the Angry Brigade and
the implication was that I was a go-
between between the Angry Brigade
and the drug producers which, of
course, is a bad thing because of my
connection with young people in
school.

"People could have thought I
could have been a drug pusher in
school, and if people didn't know that
this was untrue, it could be damaging
to me, especially in a rural area like
this."