

serves me right, after the interviews with E and F there were inconsistencies arising.

39. I certainly was not directed by a senior officer to effect any arrest based upon those first statements. That was for DCI P39 to determine. I was under her instruction and her supervision. I had asked specifically for a senior officer to take the lead on the case and left the decision making to her.
  
40. With regards to the allegation that was put to me by Superintendent Kennedy and Chief Inspector Jackson that I failed to effect the early arrest or identify suspects, I make the clear point that not then, nor since, has anybody ever identified to me a suspect who was involved in the assault on Robert Hamill. There were people named as being in the crowd but nobody was named as having carried out the assault.
  
41. As I have said earlier, I recognised at an early stage the complexity of this incident. I took steps very early on in that investigation to get a senior investigating officer on board. As a detective constable at that stage I would act on the directions and under the supervision of a more senior investigating officer. I was given tasks to do which were referred to as *actions* and I would go and do those and bring back the results. Any further action to be taken or arising from the initial action would be directed upon by the senior officer. DCI P39 would make the decision in relation to arresting suspects. An arrest strategy was not for a DC to determine as there are matters within any investigation that for various reasons would never be disseminated down the line. It was not part of my remit.
  
42. I terminated duty that night at 21.30. I do not think by that time I had received any further update on Robert Hamill's condition. I also do not believe that I had received Reserve Constable Atkinson's statement. I do not remember if I told DCI P39 or DC McDowell that his statement was outstanding. I could have followed this up the next day which was not unusual in terms of policing.