

Rover had said, the number of arrests made and whether items of clothing had been seized for examination. At that stage **D** came out of the kitchen and I advised both him and his wife, **E**, that three persons had been arrested on 6 May 1997 and two of them had been released on bail. Items of clothing had been seized for examination and that any information they, or anyone, got should be made available to us as quickly as possible. The situation calmed before leaving.

56. I had no further involvement in the investigation. In 2001, however, I was served with a notice 17(3) by Superintendent Kennedy which is at **page 10703**. I understood that she had been appointed to review the initial stages of the investigation. It was alleged that I had failed properly to secure the scene and preserve it for expert examination. I felt aggrieved at the time because the service of the 17(3) notice was late. It is difficult to attempt to recall what happened four years after the event. At the time of making this statement it is eleven years after the event but I have assisted every investigation that has ever been conducted in relation to this matter and I am quite willing to do so.
57. I did not fail to properly secure the scene. I was not the first officer on duty. By the time I arrived the scene was four hours old. When I came on duty I took steps which ultimately led to securing the scene. I expected the scene to have already been secured by the time I arrived. I was faced with difficult circumstances and I believe that I endeavoured to redeem a situation which was beyond me in the first instance.
58. I had a great deal to do in those early stages and had little assistance, which was not uncommon either then or in preceding years.
59. It was also alleged that I failed to direct the lifting of debris from the scene. I am satisfied that all items of relevance which were known to me were collected at my direction.