

38. When Jack Taylor was found around a year later in similar circumstances, I had no reason to link it to the other three until it was discovered that Port was the last person to see Jack Taylor.

39. Despite everything set out above and the two emails and the fact that I escalated the request to the relevant senior officers that it be taken on by SC01, I now feel that I should have pursued that request even when it was rejected by senior management. However it is also important to keep in mind that as someone acting up in the rank, there is a hesitation to challenge people about decisions that are substantive in the rank that you are acting up in. That was the personal failing I was also referring to in my comment to Detective Superintendent Ryan.

40. The whole investigation has been a salutary lesson to me and is something I very much keep in mind in my current role at Specialist Crime when looking at "unexplained" deaths.

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