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Dear Mr Boyd,

HMA V SHIRLEY McKIE

I refer to the letter dated 26, April, from Mr Andrew Miller.

Although much more conciliatory in tone there is little proof of the Crown Office's intention to take the initiative in these matters.

Evidence supporting allegations of possible perjury, incompetence and oppression has already been well aired at my daughters trial, in my correspondence, in January's 'Frontline' Scotland' programme and in other extensive Internet and media coverage.

As you will be aware, until the HMCI's Inspection was called for by ACPO(S) your office had taken no action to resolve these issues.

While the independent fingerprint 'experts' will confirm that the SCRO identification of a mark left at the murder house as my daughters was wrong, they will not investigate issues of criminal activity. It is entirely possible that they will only report the discrepancy in the identification to you along with procedural and other related matters.

In the final analysis it will be left to the Crown Office to decide if any criminal investigation is to be carried out.

Given their track record over the past three years I have little or no faith that the necessary investigations will be mounted.

You will no doubt be aware that further allegations against SCRO are to be made in a second BBC 'Frontline Scotland' to be broadcast on Tuesday, 16, May.

It appears as if your department's failure to act decisively when our misgivings were first voiced over a year ago might have led to further miscarriages of justice.

At a press conference to be held in the Scottish Parliament building on Tuesday, 16, May I will be calling for the following action to be taken.

- 1. An immediate independent review of all the circumstances surrounding the Crown Investigations into the murder of Marion Ross and the allegations of perjury against Shirley McKie. This review to include an examination of the work of Strathclyde Police, SCRO and all agencies working under the instructions of the Crown Office.**
- 2. The immediate suspension of all of the SCRO fingerprint experts involved in the above investigations until the necessary enquiries are completed.**
- 3. An immediate and independent review of all SCRO 'identifications' and analyses which are still on file.**

This whole sorry affair appears to be the direct result of procrastination and failure to act by the Crown Office and other agencies. How much more evidence is required and how many more miscarriages of justice must be revealed before action is taken?

Yours sincerely,

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