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Sincere thanks for your kind letter. I have passed on the contents to Shirley and the rest of our family.

While I will be writing to Scott Robertson formally after all decisions are known it is appropriate, as you leave Tayside, to record our appreciation to yourself and your 'team' for the courtesy and respect shown throughout the protracted investigations.

Your humanity and understanding has gone a long way to restoring our faith in the Scottish Police Service.

My best memories of the service concern colleagues who valued honesty, integrity and loyalty no matter the consequences for themselves.

Although they did not always advance in rank I would like to think they advanced the reputation and legitimacy of the Police service.

I believe their legacy is far more enduring than that of the self-seeking Strathclyde officers we have been unfortunate to encounter over the past five years.

I suspect that leaving the Force will do little to curb your enthusiasm for life but I trust you will still take time to pause and 'smell the roses'.

Shirley, our family and myself wish you and yours peace, health and happiness in the future. Should you venture into Ayrshire you will always be a welcome visitor.

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Iain A J McKie