

Hi Iain

Got the 10 truths challenge & weekly letter. Am happy for you to post anything relevant that I say here, but to be honest I don't know where to begin!

It actually beggars belief and is quite astounding that so many world experts can be disregarded, quite incredible. I note in the weekly letter you mention any other issues of justice.

You are aware of my situation and I personally am appalled that 2 former police officers, who have had their innocence and integrity proved in court are still being penalised, victimised and persecuted by an organisation that cannot admit their own mistakes and failings. Many of the points you raise are completely applicable in my case such as '**sub judice sub judice**', that's all I've heard now for 4 years or 50 months now as it actually is! When it's not sub judice, it's an operational matter that can't be commented on. And as for 'defending the indefensible' again it is quite incredible that you have so many experts and certainly the former justice minister on side, among others, but what has moved on in our cases?

I have letters of congratulations from senior politicians that justice has been done in my favour. Has it? In that case why can certain people in certain organisations dictate to the politicians, media, public and fob matters off, as 'operational decisions' whilst costing the tax-payer hundreds of thousands of pounds. Quite disgraceful actually. If you want to post anything from that as comments, feel free.

Still no word this end from Lord Reed, but hey it's only over a year since I won and 15 weeks since we were at the Court of Session.

Maybe this week.....

Take care and keep fighting.

All the best & good luck,

GA

25 February 2005

**Director
Scottish Criminal Records Office
1 Pacific Quay
Glasgow G51 1EA**

Dear Sir,

Shirley McKie

My attention has recently been drawn to the above, well publicised, case. I am appalled at the maltreatment Shirley has received by many public bodies and individuals since 1997, but none greater than that she has suffered, and is continuing to suffer, due to the actions and inaction of your office.

I would ask the following of you:-

1. Would you write to me to confirm whether or not the SCRO believes the mark left at the scene was made by Shirley McKie.
2. Would you be good enough to send me a copy of the Internal Independent Enquiry conclusions, 20 March 2002, into the work of the SCRO, which I understand I am entitled to under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
3. Please explain to me why on 17.2.97, in a blind test, the mark was examined by 4 experts who refused to confirm an ID, and this information was not passed to the police. Please also explain to me why, given this information, a joint report from 4 other experts was given confirming the Shirley McKie identification.
4. Please explain to me why a police report recommended prosecution of SCRO experts and possibly others within SCRO, and no action has been taken.
5. Having looked at the SCRO Website, would you please tell me how the SCRO is measured on performance against the stated Vision, Mission and Key Business statements, and your achievements against those objectives since 1997.

Shirley McKie and her father have jointly given 43 years of public service in the Scottish Police Force. In my opinion there is nothing worse than injustice. Shirley had always worked to ensure justice prevailed, and that is why you are in paid employment in your offices. Any incompetence or deliberate attempt to pervert the course of justice must be highlighted and acted upon. What has happened to Shirley McKie could happen to any one of us, and must not be allowed to happen again. We must all do everything in our power to ensure that truth prevails - however unpleasant that may be to some people. As Sir Winston Churchill said - "The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it and ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is".

Let us not allow this farce to destroy Shirley's life any longer. Shirley deserves an apology and compensation, and there must be a review of procedures to ensure this is never allowed to happen again. In your position as Director of SCRO, I believe you should be doing everything in your power to ensure the hearing is brought forward from February 2006. The supporters of Shirley McKie will not give up until justice is seen to be done.

Yours faithfully,

BS Bardowie Glasgow

Cc: Cathy Jamieson, MSP, The Minister for Justice, The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh EH99 1SP

FAO Cathy Jamieson, Minister for Justice

Where is justice in this case now ?

I wrote to you in April 2004 (copy attached), shortly after I became acquainted with some of the known facts of this case. In response I received a letter from a Mr James Laing of the Police and Civil Contingencies Division of the Scottish Executive. Mr Laing apologised that he could not be more helpful regarding my enquiries saying that because of Ms McKie's legal case, the matter was sub judice.

Now, nearly a year on for me, and over eight, for Shirley McKie and her family, it seems we are not any closer to having any kind of coherent and credible explanation of what was going on relating to Ms McKie's prosecution for perjury based on bogus fingerprint evidence.

As an ordinary member of the public what am I to believe? Is there corruption at play at senior levels of SCRO, Strathclyde Police and the Criminal Prosecution Service in Scotland? Sadly, this seems the only view that "stacks-up". Letting the matter drag on, as seems to be the case, only prolongs the period in which Scottish Justice is in disrepute.

Ms McKie may have a civil case pending but does this preclude you from saying anything? There must be an explanation of what was going on in the collective minds of the above named players, and why they acted as they did. Until it is told, not only do the McKie's suffer but so does anyone concerned about justice in Scotland. Yet things just seem to drag on. Surely as the potential case against Scottish Ministers is a civil one, you could if you wanted, tell the story now. And surely for the sake of Scottish Justice you should.

If there are to be further delays before the authorities will speak the truth, please can you explain why this is, and also your expectations of when a full explanation will be given to citizens of what went on in this case, in their name and using their resources.

Yours sincerely

RE
Edinburgh