

## **From a fingerprint expert**

**Iain**

I met you and your good lady at the Fingerprint Society gathering in Cardiff. Since then I have avidly followed the progress of your trials and tribulations through the medium of the internet. Shirley, yourself and family are often in my thoughts and I remain one of those many anonymous experts out there who continue to wish you well, ultimately for a satisfactory and peaceful outcome to Shirley's plight.

Like many I feel neutered by the system that will not allow all experts who are interested in viewing the original material to make up their own minds but most, I am sure, are bound by that Corporate shield that will not risk the possibility of 'embarrassment' to their individual police forces. The words I have heard uttered are along the lines of "she was found innocent - end of story". I know that for you, nothing could be further from the truth.

I am certain of the integrity and expertise (of the Grampian experts) and I am pleased to see that you have written to commend all three. I hope that will indeed be the outcome and not something of a more negative nature.

The difficulty of someone like myself ..... is that I ..... personally know certain of those from the 'it's it' camp and have no reason either to doubt their integrity.

Clearly the problem for some fingerprint experts is not one of integrity but that of ability and that is an almost impossible quality to define, since persons on both sides of the divide have often long and distinguished records.

Nevertheless, there are many out there who support you, even if only in thought and prayer. Continue to fight the good fight and pass on my personal best wishes to Shirley for ultimate good health and happiness.

**P I, UK**

**Dear P I,**

Thank you for your supportive and thoughtful e-mail.

It is worthy of comment that while it was experts who caused Shirley's trauma it is also experts like yourself who seek to bring it to an end.

While I do not doubt the integrity of some of the, as you put it, **'it's it'** camp and I accept that in some cases it is down to ability this does not explain their inability to accept they are wrong in the face of irrefutable evidence that not only is the mark in question not Shirley's but the other mark identified as coming from Marion Ross was also erroneous. No amount of reviewing will change the minds of experts who for a range of reasons **'will not'** face the truth.

The two major official government/police enquiries into this affair concluded that the fingerprint was not Shirley's and that the experts from SCRO should be prosecuted.

Nor can we blame failure to access **'original'** material as this has been available via **onin.com** and **clpex.com** for years and these internet images have been used by SCRO in their official presentations.

<http://onin.com/fp/problemidents.html>

Hopefully however Shirley will soon be released from any of these concerns and the problems that remain will fall to be resolved by the fingerprint community.

The '*corporate shield*' is indeed powerful and stops many experts from commenting and yet the Lothian and Borders and Grampian experts have shown it is possible to stand up to be counted.

Thank you once again for your supportive message and for taking the time to contact me. I have passed your message onto Shirley.

Best wishes to you and yours.

**Iain**

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