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### **The McKie case**

I FEEL I should clarify some points in regard to the McKie case and the letter that was sent in 2000 from some of the experts in the Lothian and Borders Fingerprint Bureau. It has been suggested that I do not wish to be associated with them any more — I did not want to be associated with them and their letter at the time.

To elaborate, I was on sick leave when the letter was penned and I had no knowledge of it or its contents prior to it being posted. On my return from sick leave I was informed of the letter and I categorically stated that I did not agree with its contents. I was also informed that it had been sent to the Scottish Criminal Records Office and members of the press. At this point I was assured by members of Lothian and Borders Fingerprint Bureau that my name did not appear on the letter. This transpired to be untrue.

I had previously viewed print-outs from the web which were said to be the scene-of-crime mark involved in the McKie case and the print of Shirley McKie. These print-outs were the ones upon which the experts at Lothian and Borders Fingerprint Bureau based their opinion and which subsequently led them to pen their letter. My expert opinion was that they were of too poor quality to reach a conclusion and that I would have to see the original production presented in court by the four SCRO experts to give an opinion. As this has never occurred I must stick with my original opinion.

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I am obliged to Alison Hannah for explaining that she couldn't support the 13 Lothian and Borders experts in their condemnation of the Scottish Criminal Records Office because in her judgment the fingerprint images she viewed were not of sufficient quality (Letters, November 22).

If she would care to contact me I will only be too pleased to arrange for her to view high-quality prints clearly showing how catastrophically wrong six of her colleagues in SCRO were in identifying the prints of Shirley McKie and Marion Ross.

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