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A measure of the increasing paranoia among SCRO supporter's likely to give evidence before the judicial enquiry has been attempts to blacken the character of witnesses who were responsible for revealing the 'SCRO debacle'.

Pat Wertheim and **Allen Bayle** have apparently been selected for special attention by **Martin Leadbetter**, Chairperson of the Fingerprint Society, erstwhile holder of the lowest score ever on 'Mastermind' and frequenter of 'vanity publishers'. It has been alleged that Mr. Leadbetter has been active in Northern Ireland and South Africa trying to provide evidence against these experts to prosecution authorities.

A psychological profile of Mr. Leadbetter would be fascinating as he appears to exhibit all the traits of someone suffering from a persecution complex.

*'A **persecution complex** is a term given to an array of psychologically complex behaviours that specifically deal with the perception of being persecuted for various possible reasons, imagined or real.'*

While we are sure this cannot be true it does seem that here we have a man who cannot bear to be proven wrong. In an open letter in '**Fingerprint Whorld**' attacking the work of [Itiel Dror](#) and others on confirmation bias and contextual influences he referred to experts who accepted such phenomena as:

'either totally incapable of performing the noble tasks expected of him/her or is so immature he/she should seek employment at Disneyland'.

Then again he may be right as this appears to sum up his SCRO colleagues perfectly.

We look forward to **Mr. Leadbetter's** evidence at the enquiry re this campaign, his comments on clpex.com and his explanation as to when he first examined the SCRO misidentifications and what his opinion was.

An old political friend of SCRO has also been busy in the Scottish Parliament.

[S30-3198 - Ken Macintosh \(Eastwood\) \(Lab\) \(Date Lodged Thursday, May 08, 2008\)](#): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it considers that fingerprint witness Allan Bayle should be called to give evidence before the McKie inquiry and if so whether his previous record in giving evidence in other cases should be made available.

Answered by Kenny MacAskill (Thursday, May 08, 2008): The Scottish Government will give every assistance to the inquiry, but we will not be advising on which witnesses to call, nor on what questions to ask. This is an independent inquiry, the conduct of which is properly a matter for its chairman. In Lord Justice Campbell, we are fortunate to have a chairman of the highest calibre, an experienced and respected judge. We are content to let him get on with the job. I suggest that others do likewise.

Meanwhile your comments on the above or any other subjects are welcome at:

<http://shirleymckie.myfastforum.org/forum1.php>

P.S. If we have been unfair to you Mr. Leadbetter, (and we appreciate you might feel we have), please let us know and we will publish your thoughts.