

For the Attention of

**Minister for Justice, Cathy Jamieson
Lord Advocate, Colin Boyd
Chief Constable, Willie Rae
Head of SCRO, Harry Bell**

You must surely be aware that the failure of the state to offer any coherent explanation of its actions in the prosecution of Shirley McKie and subsequently providing any sort of response to the weight of evidence indicating something seriously wrong, brings Scottish Justice into disrepute.

Are you people not supposed to be publicly accountable or do we now live in a society where the agencies of the state can act with impunity - pick on any citizen, prosecute them falsely and never answer for it.

The line that nothing can be said because of a pending Civil court case is surely just a convenient if rather flimsy excuse for saying and doing nothing.

Does the long term credibility of Scottish Justice not demand that the truth is told? If that means exposing some horrific abuse of position, negligence or criminal conspiracy within the justice agencies, then this needs to happen. The alternative is the justice of the totalitarian state.

Give us the facts now.

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TO MY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

I trust you will have some familiarity with the story of Shirley McKie. The history of the case, and the continuing refusal of the Authorities concerned to provide any kind of credible and coherent account of their actions relating to the prosecution of Shirley McKie, is shameful and brings Scottish Justice into disrepute.

A serving Police Officer was tried for perjury on the basis of fingerprint identification evidence that has subsequently been shown to be incorrect. Yet the public have been offered no explanation of what went on in their name and using their resources.

I do not want to live in a Police State where people can be fitted-up because it may suit someone in the State apparatus but judging by the McKie case, this appears to be what can happen in present day Scotland. This impression will remain until there are answers to -

- why a prosecution was taken forward when all evidence pointed to innocence except the fingerprint identification that has subsequently been shown to be wrong
- why no mistakes made have been admitted and no proper apology made to Ms McKie
- why eight years have gone by without anyone being held to account

I am aware that Authorities currently argue that nothing can be said because of Ms McKie's legal action against Scottish Ministers. I believe this to be an excuse for keeping quiet. The proceedings are civil not criminal in nature and in any case, all that is required is a statement of facts - the facts that explain why actions were taken and subsequently not taken.

I sincerely believe that any reasonable person reviewing this case would conclude that the most likely explanation for everything that has happened is that there has been a criminal conspiracy within the prosecuting Authorities and that an attempt is being made to cover this up.

I urge you to put pressure on the Minister for Justice to end this shame on Scottish Justice as soon as possible for the sake of the McKie family and everyone who wants to live in a free country.

Yours sincerely

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