

Extract of statement given by Iain McKie to HMCI's Enquiry

23 July 2000

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**STATEMENT BY IAIN McKIE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
INVESTIGATION , ARREST AND TRIAL OF SHIRLEY McKIE.**

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In this statement I outline to the best of my knowledge and understanding the circumstances surrounding the investigation, arrest and trial of my daughter Shirley McKie for perjury.

All of the following information is supplied in good faith and without prejudice to any legal or other actions that might be taken in connection with all or any of these incidents. Its presentation does not exclude other incidents that might subsequently be found to be relevant.

October 1998

For some months I had been looking at the possibility of contacting an independent fingerprint expert to establish if the 'mark' found had been forged or otherwise fabricated. I was given the name of **Peter Swann (Witness 32)** and Shirley and myself travelled to Wakefield to see him. He agreed to examine the 'mark' for forgery etc., and I passed his name to Ms Angela McCracken. (Witness 33)

23 December 1998

Although we had made contact with **Mr Swann** in October and passed his particulars onto Levy and McRae we continued looking for fingerprint information and in December we decided that Shirley would search the Internet for information as part of a computer course she was attending in Troon.

During this search she came up with information about **Pat Wertheim** (Witness 35) a fingerprint expert based in Oregon. USA.

I wrote to Levy and McRae notifying them of Mr Wertheim's address and telephone number and asked them to make contact.

Thursday 28 January 1999

Shirley was served with an indictment for Perjury to appear at the High Court of Justiciary at Glasgow on 1 March 1999. This was the first date set for her trial.

This was a truly awful time. Our worst fears had been realised. Two months to the trial and we still had no expert to challenge SCRO. Shirley continued to spend most of her time with myself at my home in Glasgow.

March 1999

In early March accompanied by Angela McCracken of Levy and McRae, **Peter Swann** examined the productions in Shirley's case including the door surround and SCRO's fingerprint analysis. **Shirley and myself were not allowed to be present when this analysis took place and we had no contact with Mr Swann.**

The following week Shirley attended at Levy and McRae's to be told **Mr Swann** had stated that SCRO's identification of the 'mark', as Shirley's fingerprint, was correct.

There was no question of forgery or planting.

I immediately wrote a paper challenging some of **Mr Swann's findings** and when he confirmed his original report I wrote another paper in reply. (See Appendix 'C')

List of Witnesses - Page 3

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| 28. | Zena Wight | Clinical Psychologist. |
| 29. | Patricia Faulds | Detective Constable. |
| 30. | James Richardson | Deputy Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police HQ. |
| 31. | George Kilday | Secretary, Strathclyde Police Federation. |
| 32. | Peter Swann | Independent Fingerprint Expert. |
| 33. | Angela McCracken | Solicitor, Levy and McRae, Solicitors as above. |
| 34. | Herbert Kerrigan | QC |
| 35. | Pat Wertheim | Fingerprint Expert. |
| 36. | Donald Findlay | QC |
| 37. | Dr Jim Stewart | Hypnotherapist. |
| 38. | David Grieve | Fingerprint Expert |
| 39. | Stuart Wilson | Scenes of Crime Officer, Identification Bureau |

40. **Sean Murphy** Advocate Depute, Crown Office.
41. **Charles Stewart** Principal Fingerprint Officer, SCRO.
42. **Fiona McBride** Fingerprint Officer, SCRO.

(Note: the addresses of witnesses have been removed to protect privacy)