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- A welcome home page addition to the website this week was a **videod personal message** of thanks **from Shirley** in which she underlines how important the messages of support received through the internet are to her.
- Still no reply from the **Fingerprint Society** about their controversial decision to hold its March 2006 conference at the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan. Given that we must assume it is going ahead we ask experts to look to their consciences, as many have already done, and consider whether they wish to join the Society in appealing SCRO only a few days after Shirley's civil case concludes in the Court of Session. We stick to our opinion that the Scottish conference should be postponed until 2007 when the lessons have been learned and can be debated.  
[http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FingerprintSocietyDebate\\_007.pdf](http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FingerprintSocietyDebate_007.pdf)
- As intimated last week Iain is a keynote speaker at this years **Scottish Law Convention** at the Radisson hotel in Glasgow on Wednesday 15 June 2005. The Convention is being organised by the legal magazine '**The Firm**' that has a reputation for challenging complacency within the legal system. He will speak on Shirley's case and challenge the audience to examine how the sub-judice rule is being abused by the Scottish Executive. He will also challenge the **Lord Advocate's** dual role as a Scottish Minister and defender in Shirley's civil claim and the leader of the Scottish prosecution system. Iain believes that Shirley's civil case is threatened by the Lord Advocate's access to confidential information being withheld from Shirley's legal team.  
<http://www.firmmagazine.com/members/feature.php?id=147>
- In this week's interim report on the progress of his **Freedom of Information Act** enquiries Iain kept an open mind on the Police and Scottish Executive responses that were still to be completed. He reported however that the **Strathclyde Joint Police Board** had refused access to the secret internal report that cleared the SCRO experts of any wrong on the grounds there is **no overriding public interest**. He has appealed this decision and reproduced the correspondence with the Board for the information of anyone interested in seeking information under the Act.  
<http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/FreedomofInformationUpdate.pdf>
- We still continue to hear from Scottish experts concerned about some of the aspects of the development of the Scottish **Fingerprint Service**. All of them to date have chosen to remain anonymous and we respect this decision. If things are ever to change however and the lessons of the past are to be learned the experts will have to flex their collective muscles and start an open debate on how things can be taken forward without undue influence from the SCRO.  
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<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/TheScottishFingerprintService.pdf>
- A further reminder that the Internet images showing the two SCRO identification errors are online on **Ed German's** onin.com site.  
<http://www.onin.com/fp/problemidents.html>
- **As we go to press we have just received a copy of an amazing letter sent to the Lord Advocate last month that is allegedly being circulated by representatives of SCRO. Watch this space.**
- Thanks as ever for your continued interest and support. Your contributions are always welcome. If you wish any friends or colleagues to receive this weekly update please pass this update onto them or send their e-mail address to [justiceforshirley@btinternet.com](mailto:justiceforshirley@btinternet.com)