

www.shirleymckie.com – “That was the week that was.”

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- The 'Michael Jackson' trial story first carried by the '**News of the World**' rumbles on. This week Shirley's local newspaper the '**Troon Times**' carried the front page headline, '**Jacko court is told of Troon WPC case**'. This continuing involvement by the local media including '**Westsound Radio**' is extremely important to Shirley's fight for justice and the reality is that the Scottish media have consistently given Shirley a voice being denied her by the System's misuse of the sub-judice rule.

<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/JACKOCOURTISTOLD.pdf>

- The debate about International fingerprint identification standards featured last week on www.clpex.com continued at an international web conference hosted by the **Forensic Society** on 14 April. A number of speakers from each side of the fingerprint debate contributed including the FBI expert Stephen Meagher and Professor Michael Saks Professor of Law and Psychology at Arizona State University. While there was plenty of support for international standards ideas for implementing them were scarce.

<http://www.humid.e-symposium.com/speaker-program.php>

You can register for free and access the presentation archive at:

<http://www.humid.e-symposium.com/login.php>

- News is filtering through that the '**Fingerprint Society**', the international organisation for fingerprint experts, plans to hold its **March 2006 annual conference** in Scotland and involve **SCRO experts** in the organisation and presentation. Some of these experts are witnesses to the mis-identification of the Shirley McKie and Marion Ross 'prints' and will be appearing at Shirley's civil hearing only days before the conference starts. Iain has written to the 'Society' expressing his concern at this apparent endorsement of SCRO and asking them to postpone the event until the following year.

<http://www.fpsociety.org.uk/pages/introduction.html>

<http://www.clpex.com/> (see Detail Chat Board – Integrity or Lies')

- As ever our MSP's fight the good fight on Shirley's behalf and this week Fergus Ewing wrote to the Lord Advocate and Solicitor General complaining about the failure to release documents to Shirley's legal team. He states:
"In my view, hers is the most clear case of unremedied injustice at the hands of the State since the Scottish Parliament was reconvened, and the failure to provide that remedy is a stain on the system of justice, and all of those who preside over it."

<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/FergusEwing14.4.05.pdf>

- Shirley's case continues to grab international attention with the '**CAC News**' produced by the **California Association of Criminalists** reproducing an article by Iain as part of its series, '**Fingerprints in Print**'. This stimulating series is not scared to present both sides of the argument about the state of Fingerprinting and includes comments by Simon Cole a long time advocate for change. This willingness to allow opposing views to be heard is refreshing and in the long term will help ensure that the science remains an important crime prevention and detection tool.

<http://www.cacnews.org/pdfs/2ndq05.pdf> (pages 6 to 10)

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