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LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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FOI Ref 2024/25-081

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 18 November 2024, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

"Is it possible to confirm whether production 9F - a Jack Pyke fishing knife - was part of the productions tested by forensic services in the case of Jodi Jones in 2003 (or even 2004)?

If this does exist, are you able to confirm when it was received by forensic services?

Are you able to describe the knife?

As a general question, are you able to say whether forensic services would have been provided any items for testing in a case where an individual had already been convicted of the crime, in general?"

Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request and can confirm the Authority does not hold information.¹

The detail provided in your request does not correspond with any Forensic Services item number for productions examined in this case.

In terms of your question regarding forensic testing of items where an individual has already been convicted. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 allows members of the public to seek access to

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

recorded information held by Scottish public authorities. The Authority does not hold any information that would answer your question.² In terms of our duty to assist, we can confirm that Forensic Services examines productions under instruction by Police Scotland or the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS). For example, in cases where new evidence comes to light or if there are further suspects which are still outstanding.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to <u>foi@spa.police.uk</u> or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@foi.scot</u> or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our <u>Disclosure Log</u> after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management

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