



LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 17 March 2024, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm some details regarding the Sumi knife (label 68a) in the production list for the case of Luke Mitchell/murder of Jodi Jones.

Can you please confirm whether this knife was forensically tested?

Can you please confirm when this knife was handed to SPA?

This knife appears to have been noted as having blood on it - can you confirm whether this was the case and if so, was it human or non-human?

Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following.

Question: Can you please confirm whether this knife was forensically tested?

Answer: Forensic Services can confirm a 'SUMI' Knife (Label 68) was forensically examined.

Question: Can you please confirm when this knife was handed to SPA?

Answer: This production was not submitted to Forensic Services as the case pre-dates the establishment of Forensic Services in 2012. Productions were submitted to the Lothian and Borders Police Forensic Science Laboratory between 1st July 2003 and 30th June 2004.

Question: This knife appears to have been noted as having blood on it - can you confirm whether this was the case and if so, was it human or non-human?

Answer: We can confirm there was human blood recovered from the knife.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to foi@spa.police.uk 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 [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info 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 [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

SPA Corporate Management

