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Dear Mr Veness,

Shirley McKie: Scottish Criminal Records Office (SCRO) Mis-identification

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 200 regarding the above subject..

The Lord Advocate has not yet made any decision on criminal or other charges in respect of SCRO. These matters are therefore not sub-judice (under judicial decision) as you suggested in that letter.

As I have outlined there is ample evidence in the public domain, including an HMCI's Report, to justify your openly commending Mr Bayle for his integrity and courage in speaking out for my daughter.

As this correspondence has now been dragging on for well over a year I have little faith that you will do so.

Unfortunately these issues have now been overtaken by events and Allan Bayle has been forced into resigning from your Fingerprint Branch as his position became less and less tenable.

This is his reward for speaking out. So much for your much vaunted policy of **'Reporting Wrongdoing'** and **'Doing the Right Thing'**. How ironic that one of this country's top fingerprint experts, responsible for uncovering SCRO's inefficiency and incompetence, should be forced from his post.

I believe your failure to take action has prompted Mr Bayle's departure, will encourage other wrongdoers and may lead to possible criminal activity or mistakes by fingerprint experts and their supervisors going undetected.

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I intend to use the national and international publicity opportunities that I have been afforded over the next few months to pursue my claim for recognition for Mr Bayle. I will also express my serious concern at what I consider to be a 'culture of secrecy' aimed at suppressing anyone speaking out against wrongdoing.

Before I do so feel free to enlighten me if I am mis-informed or in any way acting unfairly. I look forward to being advised by return.

Yours sincerely,

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Iain A J McKie

Copy: 1) Sir John Stevens, Commissioner Metropolitan Police.

2) The Rt. Hon. Jack Straw, Home Secretary.