

'2 Days to GO'

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'The Scottish Executive will be taken to Edinburgh's Court of Session on Tuesday in a civil case launched by former Strathclyde Police detective Shirley McKie who left after being accused of illegally entering a murder scene. She is claiming up to £1million damages.'

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Today's short statement in the **'Sunday Herald'** is a stark reminder that in two days time **9 years** waiting will be over for many people. Some of them will be welcoming the opportunity to lay this matter to rest while others might not be so keen that a light is about to be shone into the murkier recesses of this case. The talking will be over however and only **'the truth , the whole truth and nothing but the truth'** will satisfy the court.

For the families of **Marion Ross , Shirley McKie, David Asbury and the SCRO expert's** years of uncertainty will hopefully come to an end. For the fingerprint experts, police and politicians the various claims and counter claims will at last be addressed.

Many important issues fall to be decided.

- What was the true nature of the errors by the **6 SCRO experts?**
- Just how much did the Police enquiry rely on flawed fingerprint evidence and where does this leave the **'Marion Ross' murder enquiry?**
- When the civil hearing has ended will this matter be resolved or will **further important questions** require to be answered ?

As already promised Iain will provide a daily round up under the heading 'Today in Court'.