

Doubt over fingerprint system

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The father of a former policewoman wrongly accused of leaving her fingerprint at the scene of a murder today welcomed calls for a parliamentary probe into how the system is run.

Ian McKie's daughter Shirley was cleared of perjury after what was claimed to be her thumbprint was found in a room of a murder scene in Ayrshire in February 1997.

A new fingerprint system is set to be introduced by the Scottish Criminal Records Office, but Nationalist MSP Alex Neil has raised doubts about it and called on Holyrood's Justice 2 Committee to launch an inquiry. He said it will further call into question the safety of fingerprint evidence.