

Prints plea to Wallace; [2 Edition]

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Justice minister Jim Wallace was urged by 120 international experts today to admit a mistake had taken place in the case of former policewoman Shirley McKie.

The forensic experts urged Mr Wallace to acknowledge that fingerprints which led to her being charged with perjury were identified wrongly.

And they warned that, unless the situation was rectified, fingerprint evidence - and the Scottish justice system - would be undermined.

"We appeal to you to use your authority and power to correct this mistake, stop injustice, and prevent such a situation arising again," the experts' letter said.

Its contents were made public by MSP Mike Russell of the SNP, who has campaigning on behalf of Ms McKie.