

## **Strathclyde Police tell Shirley McKie: 'Pay (pounds) 13,000 or we'll bankrupt you'**

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POLICE are pressing ahead with legal action against a former policewoman who was cleared of lying on oath during a murder trial.

Shirley McKie yesterday received a formal demand from Strathclyde Police that she pay (pounds) 13,000 within 14 days. It threatens seizure of her earnings, loss of her property or making her bankrupt if she does not comply.

Strathclyde force was widely condemned last week after The Herald revealed that it was considering pursuing Ms McKie for legal expenses.

She had sued the force after she was wrongly accused of perjury for insisting a fingerprint found at a murder scene was not hers.

Iain, Ms McKie's father, said: "Where is their sense of justice? Of humanity? It's an absolute disgrace. They grind you down until they leave you bleeding, battered, if not dead. This is David and Goliath - one little woman against the system."

Mr McKie said the letter had strengthened the family's resolve to see through a second court action, against the Scottish Executive.

Mike Russell, former MSP and supporter of Ms McKie, said: "I can't believe there's a single person in Scotland who thinks this is right, and it is being done in their name."

Strathclyde Police last night confirmed papers had been delivered to Ms McKie, but refused to comment further.