Shirley McKie

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THE police have often been told to "go and catch some real criminals" by motorists caught speeding and have reduced the assistance they might have received on other matters by a deep "I am not going to assist them" culture.

What lack of public support they have received in the past is a drop in the ocean compared to the total revulsion by the public against them if they do not stop this endless persecution of a (proved) innocent person.

Well done Mike Russell for an excellent article on Shirley McKie (April 7). Strathclyde Police should withdraw any recovery action immediately and publicly apologise before further damage to the image of our police force is embedded in our minds.

Our Labour/Liberal executive should take control of this matter, accept the findings of Lord Wheatley and stop looking for weasel methods to detach themselves from the action of their employees, or their employees' shortcomings.

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