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Dear

www.shirleymckie.com

Further to my letter of 26 April 2004 seeking cross-party support for my daughter's case I am writing to update you on events.

We have recently launched the above web-site that contains information on Shirley's **8 year fight for justice.** It contains the entire background to the issues and is regularly updated with recent information.

The Scottish Ministers have now dropped their appeal against Lord Wheatley's judgement granting her a civil proof which means that her full case can now be heard.

However given the time it will take for the hearing and the crowded court calendar, the five weeks required cannot be found until **February 2006**. This is some sixteen months away and nine **years** since the original events in Kilmarnock and some **six years** since the statement by the then Justice Minister Jim Wallace in parliament in which he accepted that the fingerprint at the centre of the whole matter was not Shirleys.

Only when the case comes to court will we be able to question the Scottish Ministers and representatives of the Scottish Criminal Records Office, Crown Office and Police. Unfortunately this means a further long period of pain and uncertainty for Shirley and the traumatizing anticipation of yet another court appearance.

Of course in addition to the £millions already spent in persecuting Shirley the public purse will being further drained as the Scottish Ministers prepare once more to defend the indefensible.

Once again I ask you to take time to review the website, reflect on what relevance my daughter's case has to justice in Scotland and invite you to join in cross party support for the early resolution of her claim against the Scottish Ministers.

Please help me rescue the daughter I love from a torment that has blighted our lives.

Yours sincerely,

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