

To Shirley McKie

I have been following your horrific ordeal for a couple of years and have recently collected together all the information available on the internet and read it. I was a little slow in finding out about this case as I live on the bottom of the world and news travels slowly although most of my colleagues have supported your case.

My career is that of a Police and after reading all that was available and what my colleagues in the identification section have commented on I was of the opinion that my mind set was that a fingerprint was infallible for identification. I am still of that mind set, rightly so, however the problem clearly lies with the methodology of the identification process and the ability to admit that things can go wrong and do go wrong if certain procedures are not followed.

I am closely watching the case in the USA on the recording of the methodology as to how one arrives at an identification decision and the processes used, this too will have an impact on what we do.....

Your ordeal has helped me in becoming more aware of how I record fingerprints and all the surrounding evidence to support it's location and orientation so that if a misidentification is made and realised at a later date then what I have recorded will help the innocent person.

Good luck in all that you have to look forward to in life.

Kindest Regards

R K New Zealand.