

## The Danish Report

In 2000 two Danish experts were asked by the Crown Office to examine the fingerprint productions in the case against David Asbury who had been jailed for life for the murder of Marion Ross in 1997.

**They found that the same SCRO experts who had mis-identified Shirley's print in the murder house had also mis-identified the fingerprint of Marion Ross (referred to as Q12) found on a tin in David Asbury's house.**

Their findings confirmed those of the international experts brought in by the HMCI earlier that year. Following on the delivery of their report Mr Asbury was freed from prison.

This is the first time this secret report has been published. It follows the publication on this site of the **Mackay Police report** that alleged criminal actions by SCRO experts and was subject to a gagging order by the Lord Advocate.

<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/McKayExsmall.pdf>

### NB:

It is important to note that on **page 2** of their report the Danish Experts also concluded that another identification by the SCRO experts ( on production UC01050197 QD2 – a £10 note) was wrong. They stated:

#### UC01050197 QD2

Photograph of a fingerprint on a £10 banknote. The impression was compared with the item which was taken from sealed bag , marked label no. 75. No impression was seen on the £10 note.

The impression was probably developed with the substance ninhydrin, which evaporates with time and does not leave any traces.

On the photograph marked QD2 at least 4 clear details were seen. These details cannot be found on David Asbury's right little finger, nor on his other fingers as indicated in the SCRO's report.

**Conclusion**                      The fingerprint marked QD2  
does not originate from David Asbury

It has subsequently been revealed earlier this year that the Crown Office had given the Danish Experts the **wrong production**. When the correct production was examined they were able to agree with the SCRO expert's identification of Mr Asbury's print.

**In effect the main thrust of the Danish report is that the 6 SCRO experts were wrong in their identification of the Marion Ross print on the tin. Interestingly they also point to the poor quality of some of the photograph productions they were asked to examine. This has been a common criticism of SCRO's work and their report is further confirmation of just how flawed the SCRO work has been.**

We are working to obtain the release of a further **three reports** hidden by the Scottish Executive and will publish them as soon as they are available.

**The Danish Report:**    <http://shirleymckie.com/documents/DanishReport2ndcopy.pdf>