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Ref our telephone conversation and as promised herewith concerns re the investigation into the murder of Marion Ross.

On 27th Feb 2006 I was contacted by Fiona McBride SCRO and five of her colleagues with the request that I assist them regarding the allegations being made that they had been mistake when identifying the fingerprint Y7 found at the locus of the murder as that of Shirley McKie serving police officer who denied then and ever since that she had

not entered the murder house. I was given a signed mandate by the six officers and agreed to assist on a voluntary basis.

What I was to unearth belies belief and I speak with some authority having been involved in the investigation of 240 murders with a 98% clearance rate.

My first task was to contact Peter Swann a leading fingerprint expert, ex police officer and based in Wakefield. He confirmed that he had been engaged by the McKie camp

to examine Y7 and compare it with McKies F.P. He did so after a visit by the McKies to his office in Wakefield in West Yorkshire and later to the High Court production room

in Glasgow he found that the FPs matched and when I spoke with him in 2006 and asked, "On a Richter scale of 10 how good was the match"? He replied "11"

His services were dispensed with as his findings did not suit the McKies. At the same time they engaged the services of Herbert Kerrigan QC who also visited Swann

in Wakefield his services were dispensed with at the same time. One can only speculate as to why? Mr Kerrigan and I know each other but he has ignored my repeated requests

for an explanation.

On turning my attention to the murder of Marion Ross I was astonished to find that despite the horrific injuries sustained by the victim and the discovery of her body at 18.15 hrs

it was declared a murder enquiry 20 hours later. I have made repeated attempts to speak with the OIC then Det Ch Insp Stephen Heath. I telephoned him at Tulliallan Police College

when he told me. "Let me retire from the police in three weeks time (August) I will arrange a meet and I will tell you all you want to know". I am still waiting.

Information was coming to me from serving police officers that I should question a P.C. Mark Lees who had allowed McKie into the house whilst on log-in duty. Other sources told

me that he had explained this action to a colleague and when asked why he had responded, "I fancied her". I was asked to make a submission to the Justice 1 Committee which I did

expecting to give oral evidence to that effect. In the event I was not called but my submission was included in the written publications by the Committee.

After extensive inquiries I reached a position where I was ready to precognise certain police officers and was astonished on being told that I required to pay a fee of £118

to the Police. I objected strongly when I heard that this was required because "you are not conducting a criminal enquiry" (You could have fooled me)

During my research I obtained a transcript of McKies perjury Trial and found that during questioning by the Advocate Depute McKie insisted that no other person, to her knowledge

had examined the F.P.s prior to her own expert Pat Wertheim. She was given several

opportunities to correct this but declined to do so. A clear case of perjury.

I brought this to the attention of Crown Office and the Chief Constable with the question, "what are you prepared to do about it" the reply was predictable- silence.

I was concerned that the AD had not asked the simple question, "Do you know and have you ever met a fingerprint expert named Peter Swann" the question wasn't asked and to this

day I don't know why.

To turn to David Asbury on reading the evidence against him including the fact that he had left home after writing a suicide note, the police found £1700 in hundred pound bundles in

a biscuit tin in his room, he returned home, was arrested and in his possession was found a watch, his, with blood thereon. It wasn't his blood but was the same blood group as

Marion Ross, not conclusive as such, but with the rapid advancement of DNA analysis. Crown Office have been informed by me and others of the possibility of such a test

confirming that the blood came from the victim. I strongly suspect that Asbury, having been released from prison after 3 years, has had the productions returned to him. What I do know

is that he intends taking out a civil action against Strathclyde Police for probably a sum in the region of £1m. The tin containing the cash had the fingerprint of the victim on the inside

and a few weeks ago I was informed that when SOCO examined the murder house they found, on a dust-ridden shelf, the impression of an object, the same shape as the tin

free from dust. I am in the process of establishing if this is the case or not.

(Part 1)

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