

**THE FINGERPRINT INQUIRY SCOTLAND
SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS STATEMENT OF DENISE GREAVES**

(i) PERSONAL DETAILS

1. My name is Denise MacLennan Greaves (nee Dugard) or Dewar (from a previous marriage). I am currently a Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute in the Crown Office High Court Unit based at the High Court of Justiciary in Glasgow. I previously gave a statement to the Inquiry, dated 12 May 2009 and also gave oral evidence at the Inquiry hearing on 1 July 2009.

(ii) EVIDENCE OF TERRY KENT

2. I understand that during Terry Kent's evidence some matters arose that were not put to me when I gave evidence at the Inquiry. I am giving this statement in order to comment on those matters.

3. I am told that Terry Kent said that the first contact he had about the McKie case was from CI Iain Hogg of the Identification Bureau who contacted him to see if he knew anything about planted fingerprints. I recall Iain Hogg discussing Terry Kent with me as a potential expert we could instruct.

4. I am aware that Terry Kent did not cover all of the points in my letter of instruction. He did not cover point 5 which was to do with the 16 point comparison and the statistical basis for duplication of fingerprints. He explained in his report that he was not qualified to answer point 6, regarding identification of the print.

5. I understand that Mr Kent was asked about this in evidence and said that he cannot remember what his actions were at the time, but he knows what he would have done. Although he cannot now remember doing so, he says he would have automatically picked up the phone and called the author of the letter- i.e. me - to tell me this and tell me who would be best placed to answer the questions. He says he would have told me to contact Christophe Champod at Lausanne University, because was the only person at the

time working on statistics on the 16 point comparison. He says he would also have intimated at that stage that I would need to find another expert to give an opinion on identity. I understand that Mr Kent does not remember having that conversation, but says he must have had it because he would not have ignored two requests in my letter. I understand that Mr Kent also mentioned another two experts who may have been able to assist: Cedric Neumann at the Forensic Science Service and Didier Meuwly from the Netherlands. I understand that there is no note in the COPFS papers or Crown Office file about this matter being raised either in a letter or telephone conversation.

(iii) RESPONSE TO MR KENT'S EVIDENCE


6. None of the names mentioned by Mr Kent in his evidence mean anything to me and I have never heard these names before. Mr Kent did not mention any of them to me. I was never referred to any experts who were outwith the country and there was never any indication that we would need to go abroad to obtain an opinion.

7. In general it is very unusual to go abroad for an expert witness, and I would have required to obtain Crown Counsel's Instructions to do this. If I had been given the names of foreign experts I would have written to Crown Office saying that these were the only people who could carry out the instructions, and seeking Crown Counsel's Instructions. The decision to instruct them would have been for Crown Counsel to make. We would also have needed to instruct an interpreter to translate any correspondence. This did not happen.

8. I did have a discussion with Mr Kent about the fact that he could not do the fingerprint comparison. My recollection is that this would have been around the time he submitted his report to me, probably shortly before he did so. There was a period of about two months between my letter of instruction to him and the submission of his report. The conversation did not take place at the time he would have received my letter of instruction.

9. I do not remember any discussions with Iain Hogg or anyone else at Strathclyde Identification Bureau about Mr Kent's ability to fulfil the instructions in my letter apart from being advised that Mr Kent was an expert in 'fingerprints' and planting.

Insofar as the facts to which I attest in this, my witness statement, are within my direct knowledge, I confirm that they are true. Where based on information provided to me by others I confirm they are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature 
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