

**THE FINGERPRINT INQUIRY SCOTLAND
WITNESS STATEMENT OF KERR REID**

(i) NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. My name is Kerr Reid. I was a police constable for thirty years. I retired from the Strathclyde Police six years ago. I now work for the Crown Office as a CCTV operator and have been in this post for 6 years.

(ii) SHIRLEY MCKIE'S ALLEGED PRESENCE AT 43 IRVINE ROAD, KILMARNOCK

2. Between around October 1999 and sometime in 2000 I was on duty at the High Court at Paisley. This was because renovation work was being carried out at the High Court in Glasgow, and so more High Court trials took place in Paisley.
3. One day I was sitting in the canteen/ kitchen for police officers at the courts in Paisley. The topic of Shirley McKie was raised. An officer from U Division said that his neighbour had let Shirley McKie into the house. He may also have said that his neighbour had a "wee thing" for Shirley McKie. I took the "neighbour" to be a fellow police officer.
4. I cannot remember saying anything in response. I do not think that I did. It was a remark addressed to the room in general. It was not made as part of a conversation with me or addressed specifically to me. There were a number of people in the room, I cannot remember how many. I cannot remember when this took place.
5. I am asked whether I have ever told anyone that the officer in question said:

*"that b**tch will get me done, that Shirley McKie, it was me that let her into the house".*

I have never told anyone that the officer said that. The officer did not say that. His comment was that it was a neighbour of his who let her into the house. I did not ask the officer why he let Shirley McKie into the house, and was not told by him that he let her in because he fancied her.

6. I do not know who this officer was and could not describe him. I do not know what his name is. I was permanently on duty at the High Court in Paisley around that time. However much of the High Court Dock Officers were provided on a week to week basis, with different officers being allocated to the High Court each week. The officer was young at that time, he may have been under thirty. That is all I remember about him.
7. I told Les Brown about this incident. The earliest that I could have told him was the middle of 2003, at least 4 years after I was told. It could have been later than that. I told Les Brown that the officer said his neighbour had let Shirley McKie into the house. It came up in conversation. I am aware that he has been looking into the Marion Ross case.
8. I was also interviewed by two senior police officers. They came to see me one day and interviewed me about the incident at the High Court. I cannot remember who they were, but they were of high rank. I do not recall when this took place.

- 9. I have no other information that might be of assistance to the Fingerprint Inquiry.

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 *Kenneth Reid*
Print Name K. REID
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