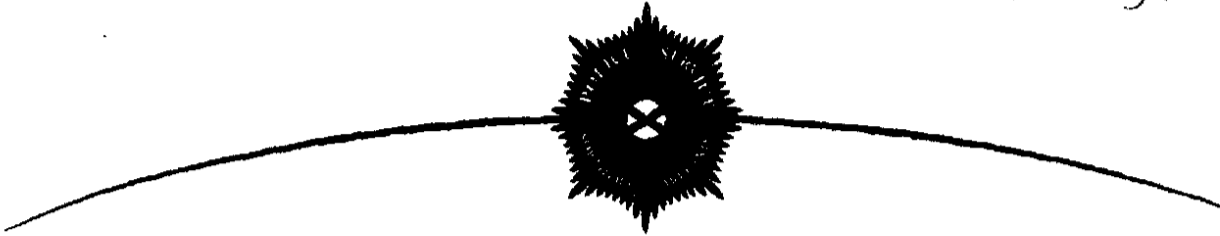


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Your Ref: EG/17-12.

Dear Ms Gilpin

On Monday 14 September 2009 five fingerprint experts in the PSNI Fingerprint Bureau examined the marks sent to the Bureau by your office. The experts concerned were Senior Fingerprint Officers Carol McEwan and Steven Emerson, Fingerprint Officer Cristie Dawson, Quality Manager Siobhan Green and Head of Bureau Jeffrey Logan. All five experts examined the marks and assessed them for suitability for comparison. Officers McEwan, Emerson and Dawson were unaware of the background to the case or where the marks had originated.

Each expert looked at the marks independently, and recorded their findings. The consensus of the examinations is as follows

Mark No. 3, Q12 - Insufficient Ridge Detail (IRD) for a comparison to be made

Mark No. 6, QE2 - Borderline IRD. However, the mark should be retained for comparison against suspects and eliminations.

Mark No. 8, QL2 - Value mark. Sufficient ridge detail for a comparison to be made.

The photographs of the marks concerned are attached.

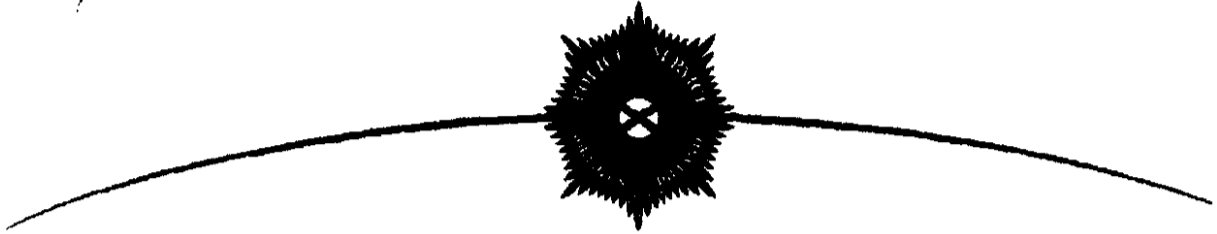
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If you have any questions about our findings or if there is any other way I can assist you, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Jeffrey Logan
Head of Fingerprint Bureau
17 September 2009



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