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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please could you provide us with the relationship between victim and perpetrator for the following female victims of homicide killed:

## 2023     Elizabeth Watson          *Perpetrator*       Jonathon Divers

## 2022     Dawn Trusler                 *Perpetrator*       Joseph Cummings

## 2014     Eileen Glassford            *Perpetrator*      Paul Connelly

## 2012     Patricia Gamble             *Perpetrator*      John McNaught McEwan

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

**Section 34(1)(b) - Investigations**  
Information is exempt information if it has at any time been held by Police Scotland for the purposes of an investigation which may lead to a decision to make a report to the Procurator Fiscal to enable it to be determined whether criminal proceedings should be instituted.

**Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement**

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

**Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment**

One of the main purposes of the Police Service is to protect individuals and members of the public, to disclose the requested information would be contrary to that purpose.

Public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding murder investigations and the police handling of such enquiries.

Nevertheless, it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement.   
I appreciate that there is a public interest in relation to police investigations and, in particular, murder investigations. That said, it is essential that neither investigations nor the potential for further proceedings to be brought against an individual are put at risk.   
Accordingly, in this case it is assessed that the public interest lies firmly in refusing disclosure.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.