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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Crime occurring outside the UK was reported to the local (European) police force. UK nationals were involved. The European force explains there's little it can do other than record the crime and refer me to UK police. I would have thought UK police would record and investigate but that's not the case; UK police don't care to do so and I am unclear why.

Please copy me the policy dealing such cases, in particular, the section setting out your procedures.

Having considered your request I can advise there are a number of factors that would have to be taken in to account to determine the jurisdiction and investigation of any offence.

In certain crime types we have concurrent jurisdiction if we cannot confirm the country where an offence has occurred. Without knowing the full circumstances and what crime is being reported we are unable to provide any material or further information.

By way of assistance we can advise process in relation to British Nationals being victims of crime abroad are contained on UK Government's website under Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

For further information, please see the links below to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Police Scotland's website for the Crime Investigation Policy and Warrant SOP.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/kznjo2o1/crime-investigation-policy.pdf?view=Standard>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-t-w/>

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Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.