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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.

**The number of murder/culpable homicide cases Police Scotland are aware of where the remains of the killed victim have yet to be discovered. Please list all the cases Police Scotland is currently aware of, including the names of the victim and the date of their disappearance.**

In response to your request, the information being provided below is taken from the Scottish Homicide Database from 01/01/1960 until 13/10/2022.

From 01/01/1960 there are 13 homicides where the victims remains, either in part or in full have still to be recovered.

Date last seen - 18/12/1999 - Victim Margaret FLEMING - Renfrewshire & Inverclyde

Date last seen - 13/11/2017 - Victim Patricia HENRY - Ayrshire

Date last seen - 28/04/1998 - Victim Arlene FRASER - Grampian

Date last seen - 04/10/2004 - Victim Margaret GARDINER - Helensburgh

Date last seen - 20/06/1997 - Victim Allison MCGARRIGLE - Largs

Date last seen - 14/04/2011 - Victim Lynda SPENCE - West Kilbride

Date last seen - 12/11/1976 - Victims Renee and Andrew MACRAE – Inverness

Date last seen - 05/07/1984 - Victim Marion HODGE - Lockerbie

Date last seen - 19/02/1967 - Victim Patricia MCADAM - Annan

Date last seen - 04/05/2010 - Victim Suzanne PILLEY - Edinburgh

Date last seen - 08/10/1988 - Victim Paul THORNE - Kilmarnock

Date last seen - 05/03/1992 - Victim Ian HAMILTON - Dunfermline

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Date last seen - 03/06/1975 - Victim John COUGHLAN - Glasgow

Further to the above and prior to the 1960 date, there is another homicide which falls into this data set -

Date last seen - 23/02/1957 - Victim Moira ANDERSON - Coatbridge

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee 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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.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](mailto: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.

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