| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1802Responded to: 24 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Does Police Scotland still have in its possession forensic swabs pertaining to this case?**

I can confirm that Police Scotland do hold forensic productions pertaining to the Jodi Jones case, some of which are categorised as ‘swabs’.

**Do these swabs contain traces of semen found on the victim Jodi Jones?
How many swabs still remain in total?
What plans does Police Scotland have for the said swabs?**

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 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.

Information about evidence obtained will not be disclosed to third parties other than in the course of criminal proceedings.

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

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders by impacting the integrity of the investigative and criminal justice procedures.

I do appreciate that there is a degree of interest in the release of the information you have requested however, it is essential that any release of information does not interfere or prejudice enquiries, or risk such enquiries in the future. To do so would put the enquiries at risk and would therefore be vastly against the public interest.

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 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 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.