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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1746
Date: 5th September 2022



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.

In follow up to FOI requests IM-FOI-2018-2240 and IM-FOI-2018-2512:

This request, is to see if you have any further information from your files, in assisting me with some questions, as to an assault of a forestry worker in Dechmont Woods near Livingston Central Scotland in November 1979. Those questions are.

Q. Was there ever a statement given to the police by a named person? I have in my possession, the others statements given by the police officers and the witness himself, but none from this named person. Was he interviewed, do you have a copy of his statement?

Q. Was it the police themselves who ordered that the crime scene should have a fence put round it, or the Livingston Development Corporation (Now West Lothian Council)?

Q. Why was the area where the victim was not also fenced off? It would appear that the only area which was fenced off, was the area in which contained the marks on the grass?

Q. Can I please have any files/photographs sent to me from Police Scotland in regards to this case. If there is anything at all, please can you send it to me at.

I can confirm that after extensive enquiries it has been determined that Police Scotland holds no additional information which would assist in answering your new request.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.

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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.