



## LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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### Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

#### Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 26 March where you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

1. Does your forensics department use any form of:
  - a. 360-degree photography
  - b. 3D laser scanners
2. If yes:
  - a. What devices and/or brands?
  - b. How often/which crimes do you use them for?
3. What cameras do your forensic department use?
4. Do you use different cameras for volume and major crime?
5. If so:
  - a. What type/brand
  - b. Why?

#### Response

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority is able to provide the following;

A response to each request has been provided by Forensic Services.

<b>Request</b>	<b>Response</b>
1a. Does your forensics department use any form of 360-degree photography	We will provide 360 Panoramic images on request.
1b. Does your forensics department use any form of 3D laser scanners	We do not have any laser scanning devices within the department.
2a. If yes, what devices and/or brands?	The photographic images are obtained by taking multiple images, recorded on a Nikon D500, with these subsequently being stitched together using PtGui.
2b. If yes, how often/which crimes do you use them for?	360 Panoramic images are usually only done for Major Incidents such as murders, though may be produced where they add value to the investigation or presentation.
3. What cameras do your forensic department use?	Images are recorded on a Nikon D500 DSLR, which is fitted with a Sigma 8mm 1:3.5 Fisheye Lens. This is mounted on a 360 Degree precision Adjuste MK11 head, on a tripod.
4. Do you use different cameras for volume and major crime?	No
5a. If so, what type/brand	All Scene Examiners at present, regardless of being a Volume Scene Examiner or Full Scene Examiner, are issued with a personal photographic kit containing a Nikon D500. In addition, each individual office has a specialised Pano Kit, which contains the necessary hardware, and its own D500 body (at present all the existing kits are being updated with the above).
5b. If so, why?	Not applicable

### **Right to Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with 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@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by post

to Corporate Management Team, Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

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 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 Scottish Police Authority Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

