



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 10 January, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I am undertaking research into the life and unsolved murder of Kathleen Veitch.

Kathleen was born on 24/4/1907 in Dollar, Clackmannanshire and was found murdered in Elie, Fife on 11/3/1968. This is an unsolved murder so I am hoping that the paperwork still exists.

This information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

When was Kathleen reported missing?

I've attached a newspaper cutting which verifies the evidence I have used to ask the following questions.

The items missing, the key fob with St Christopher and the gold watch.

Were these items recovered and if so where?

The number on the key fob FS928, I did check that Wilmot Breeden were used on the Morris Minor.

Was Kathleen's car found and if so where? I have the registration numbers of the 2 vehicles she owned.

Kathleen was reported as being found naked, there was some mention of clothing being found on the beach. Were these items from Kathleen's body and were they all of her clothing, or were other items missing?

When was the clothing found?

If the key fob and gold watch were not recovered. In 2009 the BBC covered 32 pieces of jewellery found in Tobin's house. The link to Sussex Police high resolution photos no longer works.

Can you confirm that the St Christophers and ladies watches in the Tobin items did not include Kathleen's. Obviously the numbers inside the watch back would make identification relatively easy.

On the 27th February 1968 there was a report of a molestation at or near Ardross Farm. Was the perpetrator caught? If so was there any consideration of them in Kathleen's murder?

Given the initial suspect, William Allan was involved in a fatal accident before the discovery of Kathleen's body. William Allan was not charged.

What intrigued me was the fire at Elie Station on 22/6/68. Can you confirm that there was a full forensic sweep of that building after Kathleen's body was found and before the fire?

Assuming it was checked was anything found linking it to Kathleen's murder?

Response

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

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

As your request relates to the investigation, information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within

¹ This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to foi@spa.police.uk or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

An anonymised version of this response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

