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To: <dmery@acm.org>

Dear Mr Mery,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Information Not Held

I refer to your request for information dated 27th November, 2008, which has been considered. I am unable to supply you with the information you have requested. In accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this letter is a Notice that the information you requested is not held.

Part 1, Section 17, 1 (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 requires Central Scotland Police to advise you that we do not hold the information you have requested.

Request :

I would appreciate, if in accordance with the FOIA, you can provide me by email the following information concerning the removals of DNA records by the Central Scotland police force:

The detailed process that is followed to remove the DNA records of an individual whose DNA was sampled by your force (either because the lawful retention period expired or the chief of your police force decided to delete the DNA records for any other reason). I expect the process to describe the several steps required to ensure that the DNA samples are physically destroyed and the DNA profile deleted from the database(s) to which it has been uploaded: which actions are performed by which roles in which department, how is this verified, how is this communicated, etc.

Response :

The Scottish Police Services Association (SPSA) is responsible for removal of the DNA records from the database. By means of advice you can contact the SPSA at <http://www.spsa.police.uk/>

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01786 456774 or Email: foi@centralscotland.pnn.police.uk . However, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a Review of the decisions made. Should you wish to request a Review, please write to Superintendent Jill Dewar, Professional Standards Department, Central Scotland Police, Police Headquarters, Randolphfield, Stirling FK8 2HD within 40 working days of receiving this correspondence.

If, after receiving a response, you remain dissatisfied, you have six months within which you may Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. Phone: 01334 464610 Fax: 01334 464611 or Email enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info .

Yours sincerely

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