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Your Ref:

Our Ref: 0936/2008

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Dear Mr Mery

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0936/2008**

I refer to your correspondence of 28 November 2008, which was received by Strathclyde Police on the same date. Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you that Strathclyde Police does not hold any of the information requested by you. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA) is responsible for such matters, i.e. *the detailed process that is followed to remove the DNA records of an individual whose DNA was sampled*, on behalf of all Scottish Police Forces and they hold the information relevant to your request. You can make a request for this information at:

[http://www.spsa.police.uk/foi/how\\_make\\_freedom\\_information\\_request](http://www.spsa.police.uk/foi/how_make_freedom_information_request)

Further information from the SPSA website concerning DNA can be found at:

<http://www.spsa-forensics.police.uk/services/dna>

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter. Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1205 quoting the reference number given.

Yours Sincerely

Graeme Cuthbertson  
Inspector