

Subject: Request for information regarding imprisonment between 1945 to 1977.

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Date responded: 18 June 2019

Information requested:

Request for information regarding imprisonment, particularly from Barlinnie and Greenock prisons, between 1945 to 1977.

NRS Response:

We searched Scottish prison registers (including Barlinnie and Greenock) from 1945 to 1960. Please note that National Records of Scotland (NRS) do not hold any prison registers later than 1960 for Barlinnie prison and no later than 1950 for Greenock prison.

We successfully traced records for Duncan McArthur Frame from 1956 to 1960 in various prisons across Scotland. Please note that the admission entry for 1956 states that Duncan McArthur Frame does not have any previous imprisonments (although this does not mean that he did not have previous convictions to 1956).

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on these admission records by the data controller of this information, the Scottish Prison Service (SPS). As Duncan McArthur Frame has been confirmed as deceased (the statutory death certificate was traced as a result of your request) we are able to provide the information contained in the prison registers in full in form of extracts/transcripts. We provide the information as transcripts, rather than copies of the original documents, as the information requested is contained in registers which mentions, on the same pages, many other people's sensitive data and would thus have to be heavily redacted. Transcripts seem therefore more appropriate in this context than heavily redacted copies of the original documents.

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the 1956 Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/89):

Registration No. and Sex: 4764 M

Date of Admission: 10/7/1956

Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh. Greenock

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]

Name: Duncan McArthur Frame

Age: 26

Height: 5 foot, 0 inches

Education: R & W

Where Born: Greenock

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock

Occupation: Labr

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence:

1: Con. R.T.A 1930 sec 28 (1);

2: Con. R.T.A 1930 sec 35 (1);

3: Con. R.T.A 1930 sec 5 (3);

4: Con. R.T.A 1930 sec 5 ([?]);

5: Theft

Particulars of Trial: Date: 10/7/56, Court: Sh Sy, Where: Greenock

Sentence if Convicted:

[Charge] 1. 3 mos. [Charge] 2. 3 mos. Concur. [Charges} 3, 4 & 5 admn

Liberated or Removed – Date: Sep 8, By whose authority: SE, To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 17/54 2887

Duncan McArthur Frame appears in the same register again in December 1956:

Registration No. and Sex: 8576 M

Date of Admission: 6/12/1956

Committing Magistrate or Court: Greenock Sh.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 1

Name: Duncan McArthur Frame

Age: 26

Height: 5 foot, 2 inches

Education: [tick]

Where Born: Greenock

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street

Occupation: Hairdresser

Religion: CS

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Theft by HB & OLP pfg & pc

Particulars of Trial: Date: 6/12/56, Court: Sh Jury, Where: Greenock

Sentence if Convicted: 1 yr

Liberated or Removed – Date: 25.1.57, By whose authority: To Aberdeen, To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 1/56 5256

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the Aberdeen Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/66/24):

Registration No. and Sex: 55 M SCR 48[3]/57 CRO 40779/49

Date of Admission: Jan 25 1957

Committing Magistrate or Court: [left blank]

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 1

Last Reg. No. in this prison: Bd

Name: Duncan McArthur Frame

Age: 26

Height: 5 foot, 2 inches

Education: R W

Where Born: Greenock

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock

Occupation: Hairdresser

Religion: P

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Theft by HB & OLP

Particulars of Trial: Date: Dec 6 1956, Court: Sh S 31, Where: Greenock

Sentence if Convicted: 1 yr

Liberated or Removed – Date: Aug 6, By whose authority: SE, To what place: Greenock

Remarks: [left blank]

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/91):

Registration No. and Sex: 2476 M

Date of Admission: 19.3.58

Committing Magistrate or Court: Greenock Sh.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 2

Last Reg. No. in this prison: 8576/57

Name: Duncan McArthur FRAME

Age: 28

Height: 5 foot, 2 inches

Education: R W

Where Born: Greenock

Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock
Occupation: Hair Dresser
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft & P.C.s
Particulars of Trial: Date: 18.3.58, Court: Sh P.G. 1st Diet, Where: Greenock
Sentence if Convicted: 12 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Aug 15, By whose authority: To Edinb., To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 2/54 1496

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/71/9):

Registration No. and Sex: T 1636 M
Date of Admission: Barlinnie 15.8.58
Committing Magistrate or Court: Sh. S31
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 2.
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 12/1957
Name: Duncan McArthur Frame
Age: 28
Height: 5 foot, 2 inches
Education: 2
Where Born: Greenock
Nationality: 1
Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock
Occupation: Hair Dresser
Religion: P
Health as reported by Medical Officer: [left blank]
Offence: Theft by HB
Particulars of Trial: Date: 18.3.58, Court: Sh S 31. 1st Diet, Where: Renfrew & Argyll
Sentence if Convicted: 12 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: 16.11.58, By whose authority: SE To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: [left blank]

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/95):

Registration No. and Sex: 2524 M
Date of Admission: 15.3.60

Committing Magistrate or Court: Greenock Sh.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 4
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 2476/58
Name: Duncan McArthur Frame
Age: 30
Height: 5 foot, 2 inches
Education: R & W
Where Born: Greenock
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock
Occupation: Hairdresser
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft by HB
Particulars of Trial: Date: 15.3.60, Court: Sh S 31. Where: Greenock
Sentence if Convicted: 6 mos
Liberated or Removed – Date: Apl 7 By whose authority: Abdn, To what place: [left blank]
Remarks: 3/58 1417

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry for Duncan McArthur Frame from the Aberdeen Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/66/24):

Registration No. and Sex: 186 M T/BN SCR463/57
Date of Admission: Apr 7 1960
Committing Magistrate or Court: [left blank]
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: 3
Last Reg. No. in this prison: 55/57
Name: Duncan McArthur Frame
Age: 30
Height: 5 foot, 2 inches
Education: RW
Where Born: Greenock
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: 79 Ann Street, Greenock
Occupation: Hairdresser
Religion: P
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Theft by HB & PCs
Particulars of Trial: Date: Mar 15, Court: Sh S 31, Where: Greenock
Sentence if Convicted: 6 mos

*Liberated or Removed – Date: July 15, By whose authority: SE To what place:
Greenock
Remarks: [left blank]*

While we are unable to comment on or explain all of the abbreviations from the above extracts, we can suggest that 'HB' means 'house breaking', 'OLP' meant to 'open lockfast places', 'CS' probably stands for Church of Scotland and 'P' for Presbyterian. 'P.C.s' means 'previous convictions'. In the first extract, it states 'charges 3, 4 & 5 admn', where 'admn' may stand for 'admonished'.

To obtain more information regarding Duncan McArthur Frame imprisonment after 1960, we would suggest to contact the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) directly. They hold prison admission registers after 1960. This can be done by emailing SPS at: gaolinfo@sps.pnn.gov.uk.

Their postal address is:
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Room G20
Calton House
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SPS also have an guidance page on FOISA requests, which may come useful, at: <http://www.sps.gov.uk/Corporate/Information/Information.aspx>