

**Subject:** Request for information regarding imprisonment in Edinburgh's Saughton Prison (HH21/71/1, pages 2-3).

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**Information requested:**

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**NRS Response:**

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this file by the Scottish Prisons Service (SPS). As part of this review a death certificate for John Dargan Perry was traced and we are therefore able to provide you with the information contained in the prison register in full.

The information requested is contained in a volume which contains, on the same pages, many other people's sensitive data. Please note that an exemption under section 38(1)(b) applies to personal information of third parties and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. We have therefore provided the information relating to John Dargan Perry in an extract below, rather than providing a heavily redacted copy.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/71/1 pages 2-3):

Registration No. and Sex: 63 M

Date of Admission: January 14 1922

Committing Magistrate or Court: Police

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]

Name: John Perry

Age: 35

Height: 5 foot, 9 inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Edinburgh

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: Causewayside

Occupation: Lab.

Religion: RC

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: B of P & assault

Particulars of Trial: Date – Jan 14, Court – Police, Where - Edinburgh

Sentence if Convicted: £1 10 dys [a tick is written next to '10 dys']

Liberated or Removed – Date: Jan 21, By whose authority: F.P.P., To what place:  
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The prison register dates from 1922, which is when Mr Perry was imprisoned in Saughton Prison. It was at this time that Mrs Perry lodged an action of divorce against her husband. The date the divorce was granted at the Court of Session was 25 February 1922. However, as there were children of the marriage, the court action was not finalised until 1938.

The prison register entry shows that Mr Perry was charged with breach of the peace and assault at a local police court. NRS do not hold police court records so we are therefore unable to disclose further information on the criminal charge. Police Court records are usually deposited in local authority archives. We would recommend to contact the Edinburgh City Archives in order to seek further information on Mr Perry's criminal offence. The contact details are as follows:

Edinburgh City Archives  
Level 1  
City Chambers  
253 High Street  
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