

**Subject:** Access to criminal case file, 1939 (HH21/70/72, page 2)

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**Date responded:** 21 February 2019

**Information requested:**

Request for information regarding imprisonment of William Burns in Barlinnie Prison on 6 January 1939 (HH21/70/72, page 2).

**NRS Response:**

We have consulted the prison registers in relation to William Burns. The entry for William Burns is recorded in the register with reference HH21/70/72, page 2.

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on HH21/70/72, page 2, by the data controller, the Scottish Prison Service. They have released the information concerning William Burns, as it is presumed that he is deceased (being born 1897).

The entry relating to William Burns has been produced as an extract below as it is contained in a register which contains, on the same page, many other people's sensitive personal data. Personal data of third parties is exempt from release under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA as 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.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/72):

Registration No. and Sex: 88 M

Date of Admission: January 6 1939

Committing Magistrate or Court: Central Pol.

Previous Imprisonments in any prison: No: 19. Last Reg. No. in this prison: 5998/38

Name: Burns, William

Age: 42

Height: 5 foot, 4 1/2 inches

Education: R.

Where Born: Glasgow

Nationality: S

Prisoner's Home: No fixed

Occupation: Lab.

Religion: E

Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good

Offence: Theft by H.B. [house breaking] & P.C. [previous conviction?]

Particulars of Trial: Date: Jan 10. Court: Sh. S. Where: Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 4 mos

Liberated or Removed – Date: Apl 20, By whose authority: S. E. To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: 22/38

The entry in the register highlights that the committing court was the Central Police Court, presumably in Glasgow. National Records of Scotland (NRS) does not hold Police Court records, as these are usually deposited for preservation in local authority archives. Therefore we would advise to contact Glasgow City Archives who may be able to help further. They can be contacted them using the following methods:

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