

Subject: Request for details or access to closed records.

FOI reference: 202000117690

Date received: 30 November 2020

Date responded: 30 August 2021

Information requested:

Request for information relating to an individual convicted in the Edinburgh High Court on the 21st of March 1921.

NRS Response:

National Records of Scotland (NRS) does hold the court records that you are interested in:

- NRS reference: AD15/21/7 Precognition papers, 1921
- NRS reference: JC26/1921/6 Trial papers. High Court, Edinburgh, 14 Mar 1921

As we mentioned in our correspondence with last year, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) remain the data controller of these records and make all decisions on access. Both organisations have agreed that the full records can now be opened for public access.

The records can be viewed in the Historical Search Room (HSR) at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY. Further information is available on the NRS website at: [Visit Us | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk).

At the time when the request was made no access was available to our Historical Search Room due to the coronavirus pandemic. This position has now changed and NRS made the announcement on 25 August 2021 that our Historical Search Room will re-open to all customers from Monday 6 September 2021.

Further information is available on our website <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/about-us/service-status>. To arrange a visit to the Historical Search Room please email lsrhe@scotlandspeople.gov.uk or use Contact Us (www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/contact-us) selecting 'Seat Booking Historical Search Room' from the menu and one of the team will arrange this.

Please note that we had already identified a prison record concerning this individual (HH21/26/1) in March 2020, and provided the information requested in full, as a transcription. The FOI response (202000018951) containing the information request is available here our website: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//record->

[keeping/legislation/nrs-foi-202000018951-access-to-closed-prison-records-hh21-26-1.pdf](#)

The information requested regarding the prison record of the individual is available from our website and we have provided the direct link. Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible.