

Subject: Request for access to court records (SC23/54/1-6 and SC18/42/2-3)

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Information requested:

Request for access to the following court records SC23/54/1-6 and SC18/42/2-3.

NRS Response:

National Records of Scotland (NRS) holds a number of records for sheriff courts which may contain mention of your relative's conviction. After taking into account the wide time period and different geographical locations, we focused on the following records:

- NRS Reference: SC23/54/1-6 Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court – Criminal and quasi-criminal roll books, 29 Apr 1926- 25 Jul 1952 (six volumes)
- NRS Reference: SC18/42/2-3 Stranraer Sheriff Court – Criminal and quasi-criminal roll books, Aug 1942- 14 Nov 1951 (two volumes)

A search has now been conducted on these records. While no entries mentioning a John Clarkson Adamson were found, entries for a John Adamson were found. Eliminating those which did not receive a custodial sentence as part of their conviction, this left five results, found in the Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court records SC23/54/5 and SC23/54/6. The details provided in these entries are brief, and do not include ages or dates of birth, which means that while we believe these are likely to relate to the same person, we cannot say for certain that it is the individual that you are looking for.

The records were transferred to NRS by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS), who remain the data controller and make all decisions on access. They have carried out a sensitivity review of the information contained in the entries and have decided that it can be released to you.

We have provided a transcription of the entries relating to John Adamson in the Excel document sent alongside this letter. The information has been provided in the form of a transcription as many other people's personal information appears on the same page as these entries. This other information is exempt from release under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information), because it is personal data of potentially living third parties and disclosing it would contravene the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.