

Subject: Barlinnie Prison Records, 1950s and 1960s

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Date responded: 05 December 2017

Information requested:

Any prison records, including photographs, relating to James King, who was in HMP Barlinnie during the 1950s and 1960s.

NRS Response:

Attached are nine extracts which relate to James King, taken from the following registers:

HH21/71/7 Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison 1949-1952
HH21/70/82 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1949
HH21/70/88 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1955
HH21/70/89 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1956
HH21/70/90 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1957
HH21/70/91 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow Jan-Sep 1958
HH21/70/92 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow Sep-Dec 1958

We are unable to provide access to the registers themselves because they contain personal data relating to individuals other than James King and remain exempt under s.38(1)(b) of FOISA (Personal data relating to a third party). Disclosing this information would contravene the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act 1998. 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.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance National Records of Scotland does not have any pictures of James King as requested, nor do we hold any prison registers for HMP Barlinnie after 1961. Under the terms of section 17(1) of FOISA (information not held), NRS is not required to provide information which it does not have.

NRS holds the records of the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) which have been selected for permanent preservation. Records which were not selected for permanent preservation were retained by the Scottish Prison Service for varying periods, depending on their records review process.

We contacted SPS and requested they conduct a search for any records relating to James King but having reviewed the HQ files and carried out a search of the archive in HMP Barlinnie they can find no mention of him. To the best of their knowledge, SPS does not have any records relating to Mr King.

Please note, where a word in the register has been abbreviated I have written the full word in square brackets. In some cases neither NRS or SPS were aware of what the abbreviations refer to.

Extract taken from HH21/71/7 Edinburgh (Saughton) Prison 1949-1952

Reg. No. 978, CRO 20612/49, SCR 581/49

Barl [Barlinnie]

Date of Admission. July 11 1949

Committing Magistrate or Court. Burgh

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 3

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. Bar [Barlinnie]

Name. Jas. [James] King

Age. 19 3/12

Height: Ft. 5 In. 9 1/2

Education. RW [Read and Write]

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S. [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 124 Houston Street

Occupation. Soldier

Religion. P [Protestant]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. x

Offence. Theft by HB [House Breaking] 2 chgs [charges]

Particulars of Trial: Date. Jul 18

Court. Sh. Sy. [Sheriff Summary]

Where. Edinburgh

Sentence if Convicted: 3 months

Liberated or Removed: Date. Sept 19

By whose Authority. SE [Sentence Expired]1

1 Sentence Expired (SE) - the prisoner served their full sentence in prison.

To what Place. -

Remarks: - 2

Extract taken from HH21/70/82 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1949

Reg. No. 5575

Date of Admission. Nov 14 1949

Committing Magistrate or Court. Glasgow Sh. [Sheriff]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. Says 2 Edin. [Edinburgh]

Last Reg. No. in this Prison.

Name. James King

Age. 19

Height: Ft. 5 In. 9 1/2

Education. R [Read]

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S. [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 124 Houston Street

Occupation. Soldier

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. Theft by LB [Lock Breaking]

Particulars of Trial: Date. May 18

Court. Sh. Sy. [Sheriff Summary]

Where. Pol. [Police] Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £5 or 30 days fr. [from] 13/11/1949

Liberated or Removed: Date. Dec 12

By whose Authority. SE [Sentence Expired]

To what Place. -

Remarks: 2 Edinburgh 3

Extract taken from HH21/70/88 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1955

Reg. No. 6709

Date of Admission. Oct 19 1955

Committing Magistrate or Court. Govan Pol. [Police]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 3

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 5575/49

Name. James King

Age. 25

Height: Ft. 5 In. 10

Education. R&W [Read and Write]

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 66 Weir Street

Occupation. Labr. [Labourer]

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. B of P & pc [Breach of the Peace and previous convictions]

Particulars of Trial: Date. 22/08/55

Court. Govan Pol. [Police]

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £3 or 20 days fr. [19/10/1955]

Liberated or Removed: Date. Oct 20

By whose Authority. FPP [Fine Part Paid]2

2 Fine Part Paid (FPP) - the prisoner has partly served a sentence and partly paid the fine. For example, if a prisoner is sentenced to £3 or 20 days, they can serve 10 days and pay £1.50.

Remarks: 3/50 3910 4

Extract taken from HH21/70/89 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1956

Reg. No. 6675

Date of Admission. 25/9/56

Committing Magistrate or Court. Central

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 2

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 2695/55?

Name. James King

Age. 26

Height: Ft. 5 In. 8

Education. R&W (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 239 Wallace Street

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. B of P att HB W.I. [Breach of the Peace and attempted House Breaking with intent]

Particulars of Trial: Date. Sept. 28

Court. Sh. Sy. [Sheriff Summary] O

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: T8/2

Liberated or Removed: Date. Sep. 29

By whose Authority. Crt [Court?]

To what Place. -

Remarks: 4/54 5

Extract taken from HH21/70/90 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1957

Reg. No. 4812

Date of Admission. June 14 1957

Committing Magistrate or Court. Cent. Pol. [Central Police]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. Says 2

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 1951

Name. James King

Age. 27

Height: Ft. 5 In. 8 1/2

Education. R&W (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish

Prisoner Home. 85 West St.

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. Theft by LB [Lock Breaking] pfg pc [previous convictions] H+

Particulars of Trial: Date. Oct 31

Court. Sh. Sy. [Sheriff Summary]

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: Desert Simpliciter³

³ Desert simpliciter - to bring prosecution for a crime or offence on indictment or summary complaint to an end without the facts being determined.

Liberated or Removed: Date. June 18 Bail

By whose Authority. -

To what Place. -

Remarks: 2/51 6

Extract taken from HH21/70/90 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1957

Reg. No. 5329

Date of Admission. 1/7/57

Committing Magistrate or Court. Cent. Pol. [Central Police]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 3

Last Reg. No. in this Prison.4812/57

Name. James King

Age. 27

Height: Ft. 5 In. 9

Education. R.W. (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S. [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 85 West Street

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer.

Offence. (1) Att. H.B. [Attempted House Breaking] (2) OLP [Opening a Lockfast Place] G+

Particulars of Trial: Date. 22/5/57

Court. Pol. [Police]

Where. Paisley

Sentence if Convicted: £25 3 mos [months]

Liberated or Removed: Date. July 9

By whose Authority. Bail

To what Place. -

Remarks: 2/57 7

Extract taken from HH21/70/90 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow 1957

Reg. No. 10579

Date of Admission. 25/12/57

Committing Magistrate or Court. Govan Pol.

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 4

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 5329/57

Name. James King

Age. 27

Height: Ft. 5 In. 10

Education. RW (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 85 West Street

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. Assault Wife & 1 pc [previous conviction]

Particulars of Trial: Date. 5/10/57

Court. Govan Pol. [Police]

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £5 or 30 days fr [from] 25/12/57

Liberated or Removed: Date. Jan 9 58

By whose Authority. S.E. [Sentence Expired]

To what Place. -

Remarks: 2/57 6516 8

Extract taken from HH21/70/91 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow Jan-Sep 1958

Reg. No. 2976

Date of Admission. 4/4/1958

Committing Magistrate or Court. Glasgow Sh. [Sheriff]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. Says 1

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 1949

Name. James King

Age. 28

Height: Ft. 5 In. 8 1/2

Education. RW (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 85 West St.

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. (a) Theft (b) att OLP w.i. [Opening a Lockfast Place with intent]

Particulars of Trial: Date. 5/12/57

Court. Sh. Sy. [Sheriff Summary]

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £35 or 3 months fr [from] 3/4/1958

Liberated or Removed: Date. May 19

By whose Authority. FPP

To what Place.

Remarks: 1/49 1809 9

Extract taken from HH21/70/92 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow Sep-Dec 1958

Reg. No. 12337

Date of Admission. Dec 27

Committing Magistrate or Court. Govan Pol. [Police]

Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: No. 2

Last Reg. No. in this Prison. 2976/58

Name. James King

Age. 28

Height: Ft. 5 In. 9

Education. RW (Read and Write)

Where Born. Glasgow

Nationality. S [Scottish]

Prisoner Home. 181 Mathieson Street

Occupation. Boiler Scaler

Religion. CS. [Church of Scotland]

Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. BoP [Breach of the Peace]

Particulars of Trial: Date. 16/8/58

Court. Marine Pol. [Police]

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: £3 or 20 days from 26/12/58

Liberated or Removed: Date. Dec 29

By whose Authority. F.P.P.

To what Place.

Remarks: Prob BT 2F