

Subject: Access to prison record of Alexander Longmuir

FOI reference: Fol/18/00555

Date received: 19 February 2018

Date responded: 22 March 2018

Information requested:

Access to prison records for Alexander Longmuir to establish when he was in prison and why.

NRS Response:

As Mr Alexander Longmuir is deceased we have received permission from the owner of the records, Scottish Prison Service, to provide extracts taken from prison registers which relate to him. The extracts below have been taken from the following registers:

Reference No.	Title	Date	Access Status
HH21/70/92	Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow	Sep-Dec 1958	Closed
HH21/70/93	Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow	Jan-Sep 1959	Closed

You will see from the extract of HH21/70/88 that under the heading 'Previous Imprisonments in any Prison', the answer 'says 5/55' has been given. This implies that that Mr Longmuir stated that prior to his imprisonment in 1958, he had been in prison five times; the last time being 1955. However, as the entry does not provide a previous prison number and the name of the prison, we are unable to easily identify any records of Mr Longmuir's previous imprisonments.

Unless you can provide us with more specific information (name of prison, year of imprisonment) we will not be able identify and locate the records of Mr Longmuir's previous imprisonments. Under section 1(2) of FOISA we are not required to provide information if the applicant cannot describe the information requested in a way which enables us to identify and locate it.

We are unable to provide access to the volumes themselves because they contain personal data relating to individuals other than Alexander Longmuir 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

You may be interested to know that when conducting the search for records relating to Alexander Longmuir we also came across three court records relating to him:

Reference No.	Title	Date	Access Status
JC25/1959/2	Petition of Alexander	03-Jul-59	Closed

	Longmuir for refusal of Bail		
JC26/1959/53	Trial papers relating to Alexander Longmuir for the crime of theft, fraud, theft by opening lockfast places, theft by housebreaking, opening lockfast places with intent to steal, theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast places, uttering forged documents. Tried at High Court, Glasgow	1959	Closed
JC34/6/193	Appeal by Alexander Longmuir against conviction for the crime of theft, fraud, theft by opening lockfast places, theft by housebreaking, opening lockfast places with intent to steal, theft by housebreaking and opening lockfast places, uttering forged documents	11-Sep-59	Closed

These records are closed for data protection reasons, but can be requested under Freedom of Information if they are of interest to you.

Please note, where a word in the register has been abbreviated we have written the full word in square brackets.

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

Reg. No. 10237
Date of Admission. 01/11/1958
Committing Magistrate or Court. Airdrie Sh. [Sheriff Court]
Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: says 5/55
Last Reg. No. -
Name. Alexander Elliot Longmuir
Age. 27
Height: 5 Ft. In. 10
Education. (Ticked)
Where Born. Glasgow
Nationality. S. [Scottish]
Prisoner Home. 3 Pine Grove, Calderbank, Airdrie
Occupation. Chef
Religion. CS [Church of Scotland]
Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good
Offence. 1. Fraud
2. HB W/I [Housebreaking With Intent]
Particulars of Trial: Date. 05/11/1958
Court. Sh.Sy. [Sheriff Summary]
Where. Airdrie
Sentence if Convicted: 3 months
Liberated or Removed: Date. Nov. 21
By whose Authority. -
To what Place. To Perth
Remarks: - 5/55
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HH21/70/93 Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow, Jan-Sep 1959

Reg. No. 6319
Date of Admission. 19/06/1959
Committing Magistrate or Court. Dumbarton Sh. Ct. [Sheriff Court]
Previous Imprisonments in any Prison: 6
Last Reg. No. 10237/58
Name. Alexander Longmuir
Age. 28
Height: 5 Ft. In. 10
Education. (Ticked)
Where Born. Glasgow
Nationality. S. [Scottish]
Prisoner Home. 65 Napierston Ter. Jamestown
Occupation. Chef
Religion. CS [Church of Scotland]
Health as reported by Medical Officer. Good

Offence. Fraud (14 chgs) [charges]; Theft by HB [House Breaking] (3 chgs); Uttering (1chg) Theft (2chgs) Theft by OLP [Opening a Lockfast Place] (3chgs) Theft by HB & OLP [Theft by Housbreaking and Opening a Lockfast Place] (1chg)

Particulars of Trial: Date. 03/03/1959

Court. High [Court] & Jury

Where. Glasgow

Sentence if Convicted: 3 years and S23 28/10/59 To P.Lid

Appellant from 7/9-13/10/59

Liberated or Removed: Date. Sept 28 fr Edin 14/10 (struck through)

By whose Authority. -

To what Place. -

Remarks: - 5/59

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