

**Subject:** Access to closed court record (JC9/99)

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**Information requested:**

Access to minutes in closed court record from 1987 (JC9/99)

**NRS Response:**

This record is held under reference number JC9/99. This is a High Court Minute Book for Edinburgh, covering the dates 12 June 1987 to 23 December 1988. The minute entries are compiled by court clerks and contain entries for 23 June 1987 and 10 July 1987 on the plea and sentencing.

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on this material by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). As a result of this some of the information in the minute book has been redacted due to sensitivity issues.

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to the information which has been redacted because it is personal data of a third party 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.

The redacted copy of the information is available in digital form at the National Records of Scotland.

This can be viewed in the Historical Search Room at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY. Further information is available on our website at: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide information if it is already reasonably accessible by inspection or copying, even if a payment has to be made for it.