

Subject: Access to Criminal case files, 1973 (JC26/1973/309 and HH21/71/16).

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

The trial papers (NRS ref.: JC26/1973/309) have been recently retransmitted to the data controller of this record, the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service (SCTS). As the data controller for the record is not National Records of Scotland (NRS), but SCTS, please contact SCTS directly to make a Subject Access Request to access the information relating to you in this file. Under section 38 (1)(a) of FOISA your information is exempt from release. This is because information released under FOISA is not only released to the person who asks for it, but to everybody. In order to keep your personal information safe, Data Protection Law ensures that your information is not released to anyone, but yourself, by giving you the right of access under Article 15 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

More information on how to submit a Subject Access Request on the website of SCTS (<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/about-the-scottish-court-service/contact-us/data-protection>). This page also gives the following contact details:

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A sensitivity review has been undertaken on the prison register (NRS ref.: HH21/71/16) by the Scottish Prisons Service (SPS), as data controller of this volume. As a consequence of this review, SPS have released the information. We have asked SPS to give more context regarding the numbers written against some of the categories in this transcription. Due to the passage of time, however, they were unable to interpret their meaning.

The following is an accurate transcription of the entry relating to John Laing recorded in Saughton Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/71/16):

Registration No. and Sex: 1688 M

Date of Admission: Edinburgh 12.5.73
Committing Magistrate or Court: Sheriff Ind.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]
Name: Laing John
Age: 43
Height: 5 foot, 6 inches
Education: 2
Where Born: Falkirk
Nationality: 1
Prisoner's Home: 20 Moredunvale View
Occupation: Bootmakers Manag.
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: 1560
Offence: Con. Of Incest Act 1567
Particulars of Trial – Date: 19.7.73
- Court: High
- Where: Edinburgh
Sentence if Convicted: 4 yrs
Liberated or Removed – Date: DIED 22.7.73
Remarks: U +