

**Subject:** Access to criminal case files (SC49/42/17 and HH21/47/39).

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**Information requested:**

Access to criminal case files ((SC49/42/17 (criminal roll book entry on pages 3-4) and HH21/47/39 (prison register entry)).

**NRS Response:**

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on the criminal roll book entry by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service. This records the criminal charge against William John Wilson and his sentence to imprisonment.

An extract has been produced from the criminal roll book concerning the trial below. We have provided the information in this way as the information requested is contained in registers which contain, on the same page, many other people's sensitive data and therefore an extract is more appropriate than a heavily redacted copy. No other court record was found in relation to this charge against William John Wilson in 1969.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Criminal and Quasi Criminal Roll book for Perth Sheriff Court for the dates 27 Dec 1968-14 Jul 1969 in relation to William John Wilson (NRS ref. SC49/42/17, pages 3-4):

No.: 2792

Summary S. or Jury J.: S

Date of first warrant: 31 Dec 1968

To Apprehend or Cite: A

Prosecutor or Complainer: PF.

Name of Accused or Respondent: William J. Wilson

Crime, Contravention or Offence: Theft – by H.B. + OLP

Previous Convictions: [left blank]

Date of Declaration or First Calling: Dec 31

Plea: G

Date assigned for further procedure: 14/1/69

Date of Sentence: Jan. 14

Sheriff: AMP

Sentence of Fine or Term of Imprisonment: 6 months Y.O.I from 27/12/68  
Expenses: [left blank]  
Term of Imprisonment: [left blank]  
Sentence of Caution for good behaviour, admonition or otherwise: [left blank]  
Time allowed for payment:  
Instalment [sic]: [left blank]  
Date of Means Enquiry Court: [left blank]  
Disposal at Means Enquiry Court: [left blank]  
Remarks: S/D for SER. Bail £5

The relevant prison register (NRS ref. HH21/47/39) has been subject to a sensitivity review by the Scottish Prison Service. This records the admission of William John Wilson to Perth prison. This information has also been provided in the form of an extract, for the same reasons, displayed below.

The following is an accurate transcription from the Perth Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/47/39, registration number 3235):

Registration No. and Sex: 3235 M [comments in same column]: Perth Sh.  
Date of Admission: 27 12 68  
Committing Magistrate or Court: u  
Previous Imprisonments in any prison:  
Name: David William John Wilson  
Age: 18  
Height: 5 foot, 8 inches  
Education: RW  
Where Born: Crieff  
Nationality: S  
Prisoner's Home: 44 Monteith St., Crieff  
Occupation: Labr.  
Religion: CE  
Health as reported by Medical Officer: [left blank]  
Offence: Theft by HB  
Particulars of Trial: Date: 14.1.69 Court: Sh Sy Where: Perth  
Sentence if Convicted: 6 Mos Y.O.I from 27/12/68  
Liberated or Removed – Date: 23.1.69 Found hanged in cell, By whose authority: To Court, To what place: [left blank]

Remarks: U C 440 Card

We have previously given information regarding the Fatal Accident Inquiry which was held following the death of William John Wilson in Perth prison. This record (NRS ref.: SC49/22/1969/1) is accessible for public consultation and can be viewed in our Historical Search Room. Further information about how to obtain a readers' ticket and opening times is available on our website at:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>