| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1356  Responded to: 12 June 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1.The dates Sinclair was arrested and charged and then later convicted of in relation to a Firearms offence/s which he was arrested for in 1979.

## 2.The length of sentence that he received for this aforementioned firearm/s offence/s committed in 1979.

## 3.Confirm whether Sinclair was initially remanded and thereafter released on Bail in 1979 for these aforementioned firearm/s offence/s and confirm any of these relevant dates.

Having considered your request, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost more than this amount to process your request.

Accordingly, in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, any information held in relation to firearms offences would be held within the named individual’ s criminal case files. There are more than 50 boxes held and these would require to be retrieved from off-site storage and manually examined to extract any relevant information, if held. It is estimated that it would take a total of 8 hours per box, to retrieve, examine and read every piece of correspondence within each box, this would result in a total of approximately 400 hours at a cost of £6000, which you will appreciate exceeds the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.