

Access to Public Information Response

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REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on May 3rd 2016:

I am making a document request under the Code of Practice for Access to Public Information.

The documents and correspondence I am interested in relate to a London Met investigation that briefly involved the Guernsey authorities from the 13th November 1998 and may have lasted until the end of the month. These concern suspicions that a US fugitive, ELAINE ANTOINETTE PARENT, may have been living in Guernsey during this time. She was a person of interest in the Florida murder of bank teller, BEVERLY ANN MCGOWAN. I understand the London Met Police visited Guernsey and had the assistance of the police during this time.

I have attached a death certificate for ELAINE ANTOINETTE PARENT to prove she died in 2002.

Any help you could provide in releasing the relevant documents to me would be appreciated.

Response from the States of Guernsey on May 20th 2016:

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you, but this has caused a lot of confusion within the station.

I have checked all our computer records and cannot find any reference to Elaine Parent. I have carried out specific searches for the relevant time periods in which I've searched for just 'Elaine' or 'parent' and there is nothing that matches.

In addition, I have spoken with five officers who are still serving and were stationed in CID in 1998 - CID would have dealt with such an approach from the Met – and none of them remember this case. Giving that we are an island police force, I would have expected someone present at the time to remember it given how unusual it is for a small force like ours.

So I'm afraid that unless you can provide further information that could help me, it doesn't appear that we have any record of the investigation.