

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201400711, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** policy/administration  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C complained that COPFS failed to send a production release note to the police. This would allow Mr C to collect his property, which was used as evidence in a court case, from the police. Our jurisdiction is very limited in complaints about COPFS. In this case, we looked at whether or not COPFS followed the proper procedure, or considered relevant information in dealing with the administrative process of returning property to Mr C.

We found there was a delay in this matter being resolved. COPFS explained how this happened, and the action they took to address this problem. They also apologised to Mr C. COPFS confirmed to Mr C, and to us, that a release note was sent to the police. We were satisfied that COPFS sent a release note to the police and, therefore, we did not uphold Mr C's complaint.