

**Reference: 2025-134**

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

- 1. Confirmation whether the SFO has retained the “case files” in respect of DWC02; and**
- 2. Information about the process by which access to these files can be granted.**

**Response**

Please see below our response to your request.

**Case file**

The case of *R v Shinder Gangar and Alan White* has the SFO reference DWC02. The SFO has retained material relating to the DWC02 case. However, we cannot confirm whether we have the entirety of the case file as there are over 1300 boxes of material currently stored in a secure offsite location which bear the DWC02 reference. Determining the precise contents, and therefore the completeness of this material would require all of it to be identified within the storage facility, transported to the SFO's office and then reviewed: a process which would far exceed the cost limit imposed by section 12 FOIA 2000.

**Access to files**

It is not possible for the SFO to simply grant access to this material. The SFO can only disclose information obtained during the course of its criminal investigations and/or prosecutions when it has a lawful basis to do so. The SFO would therefore require a formal request to be made, detailing precisely what material was sought and the basis upon which it is said such material can be disclosed. It is a matter for each requester to determine the basis upon which they say the material should be disclosed.