



NEWS RELEASE

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission ('the Commission') has referred the case of Stephen Alan Rodger to the High Court of Justiciary.

In accordance with the Commission's statutory obligations, a statement of reasons for its decision has been sent to the High Court, and a copy of the statement of the reasons has been sent to Mr Rodger and the Crown. The Commission has no power under its founding statute to make copies of its statements of reasons available to the public.

On 12 September 2013, at Glasgow Sheriff Court, Mr Rodger was convicted of the offence created by s38(1) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (behaving in a threatening or abusive manner which was likely to cause a reasonable person to suffer fear and alarm) and the offence created by s16A of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended (possession of a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause any person to believe that unlawful violence will be used against him or another person).

The Commission concluded that Mr Rodger was denied a fair trial. Accordingly, the Commission believes there may have been a miscarriage of justice in his case. The Commission also believes it is in the interests of justice that a reference to the High Court should be made.

This release is for information purposes only and the content of this news release should not be treated as forming part of the Commission's statement of reasons.

Notes for Editors

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission was established as an independent body on 1 April 1999 to review alleged miscarriages of justice in Scottish convictions and/or sentences. Under section 194 A to L of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (as inserted by section 25 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997) the Commission can refer a case to the High Court if it believes that a miscarriage of justice may have occurred and that it is in the interests of justice that a reference should be made. After the Commission makes a reference to the High Court, the case will proceed as a normal appeal.

The Commission operates with a Board of 8 Members, one of whom is the Chairperson, a Chief Executive, a Director of Corporate Services, a Head of

Casework, 2 Senior Legal Officers, 5 Legal Officers and administrative support staff.

In terms of its disclosure policy, the Commission will disclose the fact that a case has been referred. However, as it operates under statutory non-disclosure provisions, the Commission will not disclose any further information about such cases.

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