



## SCOTTISH POLICE FEDERATION

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### MEDIA RELEASE

The Scottish Police Federation represents all police officers in the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector, police cadets and special constables; over 18,500 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.

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Subject: Suspension of police officers.

Speaking in response to the announcements by the Scottish Police Authority and the Police Service of Scotland that a number of officers (including 2 members of the federated ranks) had been suspended from duty on 24 November 2017 a spokesperson for the Scottish Police Federation said;

*“It is important to remember that this involves a handful of officers in an service of over 17,000.*

*Whilst it is always difficult to talk about specifics due to an ongoing investigation the information we have suggests the suspension of our members and others is unwarranted.*

*Our members rightly ask what is it that allows some to be granted leave while under investigation but for that same opportunity not to be extended to them.”*

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*Notes for editors*

*1. The federated ranks in the police service are the ranks up to and including Chief Inspector.*

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