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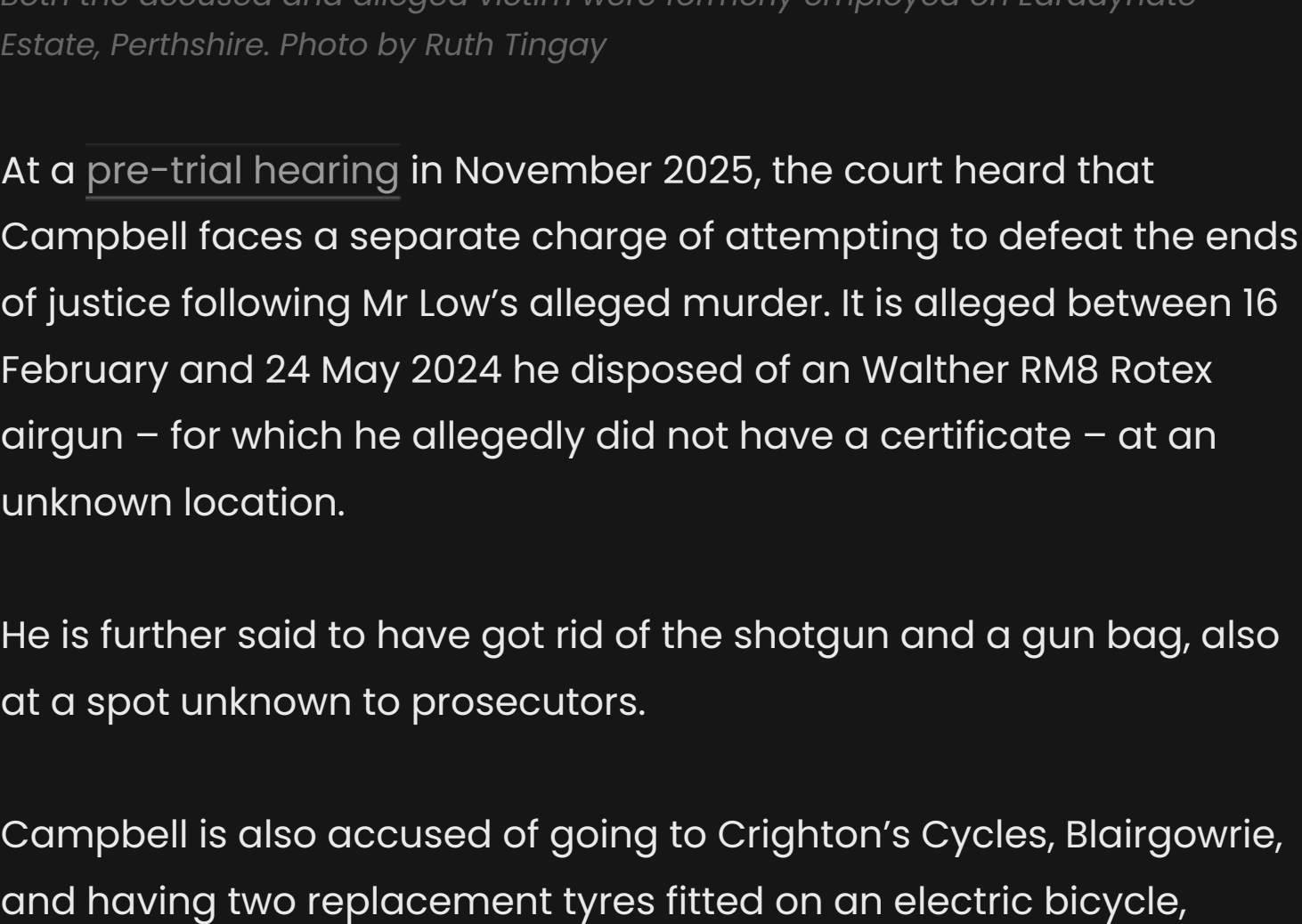
Murder trial due to begin: former Head Gamekeeper David Campbell of Edradynate Estate accused of killing ex-colleague with shotgun

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A long-awaited murder trial is expected to get underway this coming week at the High Court in Glasgow.

David Campbell, 76, the former Head Gamekeeper at Edradynate Estate near Aberfeldy, Perthshire is accused of murdering a former colleague, groundsman Brian Low, whilst Mr Low was walking his dog on Leafy Lane, near the Pitilie Track close to Aberfeldy in February 2024 (see [here](#) for background).

It is alleged that Campbell did this after disabling CCTV cameras at Tigh Na Caorann, Crieff Road, Aberfeldy, in an “attempt to conceal” his whereabouts.



Both the accused and alleged victim were formerly employed on Edradynate Estate, Perthshire. Photo by Ruth Tingay

At a pre-trial hearing in November 2025, the court heard that Campbell faces a separate charge of attempting to defeat the ends of justice following Mr Low's alleged murder. It is alleged between 16 February and 24 May 2024 he disposed of an Walther RM8 Rotex airgun – for which he allegedly did not have a certificate – at an unknown location.

He is further said to have got rid of the shotgun and a gun bag, also at a spot unknown to prosecutors.

Campbell is also accused of going to Crighton's Cycles, Blairgowrie, and having two replacement tyres fitted on an electric bicycle, which prosecutors believe was used by him in the commission of the murder.

It is also alleged that Campbell disposed of a box, cartridge bag and bicycle tyres at Aberfeldy Recycling Centre.

Campbell further faces five breach of the peace allegations dating back to the mid-90s.

It is alleged some time in July 1995, he threatened a man called Alan Stewart and placed him in a state of fear and alarm.

Prosecutors further allege that on a date between 1 March and 31 May 1997, Campbell conducted himself in a disorderly manner at the Edradynate Estate, Aberfeldy and threatened to shoot worker Gregor Forrest.

Campbell has also been accused of threatening to shoot another man, Richard Wright, also at Edradynate Estate between 1 June and 31 August 1999.

It is further alleged that between 1 June and 30 September 2011, Campbell threatened to shoot a fourth man, Maksymilian Konchanski, at The Square, Aberfeldy.

And he is also accused of threatening to shoot a woman's dog at Ardlach House, Aberfeldy, sometime between 1 June and 30 September 2012.

Campbell has previously pleaded not guilty to all charges and his defence advocate, Tony Lenehan KC, has lodged a special defence of alibi in connection with the murder charge.

Campbell has been held on remand since May 2024.

The trial is expected to last for three weeks in front of Lord Scott and had been listed for 2nd February 2026. However, court documents show it is currently listed as a ‘dedicated floating trial’, which means that rather than having to begin on a specific date, the case can start within a ‘floating period’ (usually a week) of that date. This flexibility is to facilitate the availability of a judge and court room to ensure a continuous schedule.

NB: As this case is live, comments have been turned off until criminal proceedings have concluded.

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