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Book launch: Prelude to Murder – Revenge Killing on a Highland Estate

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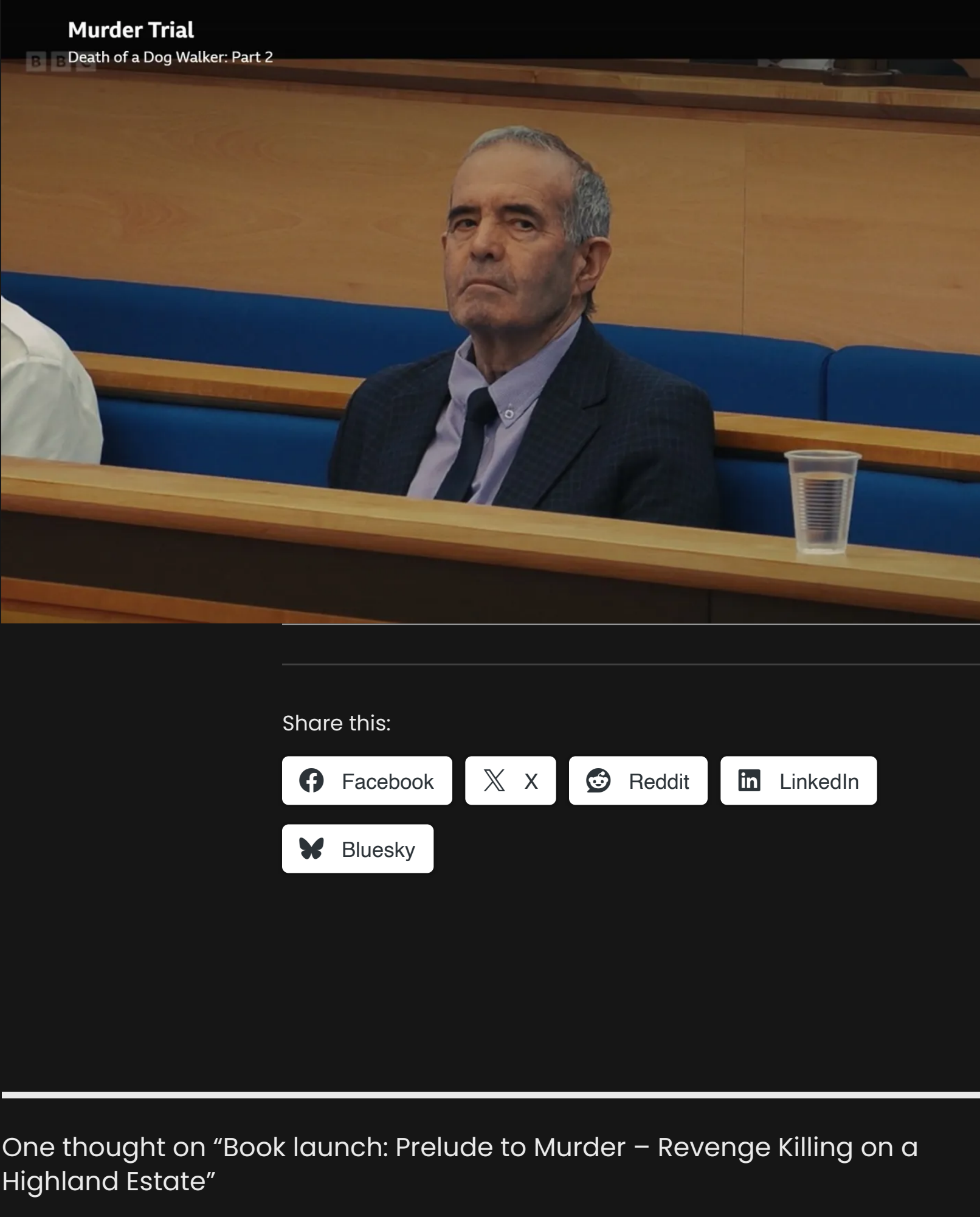
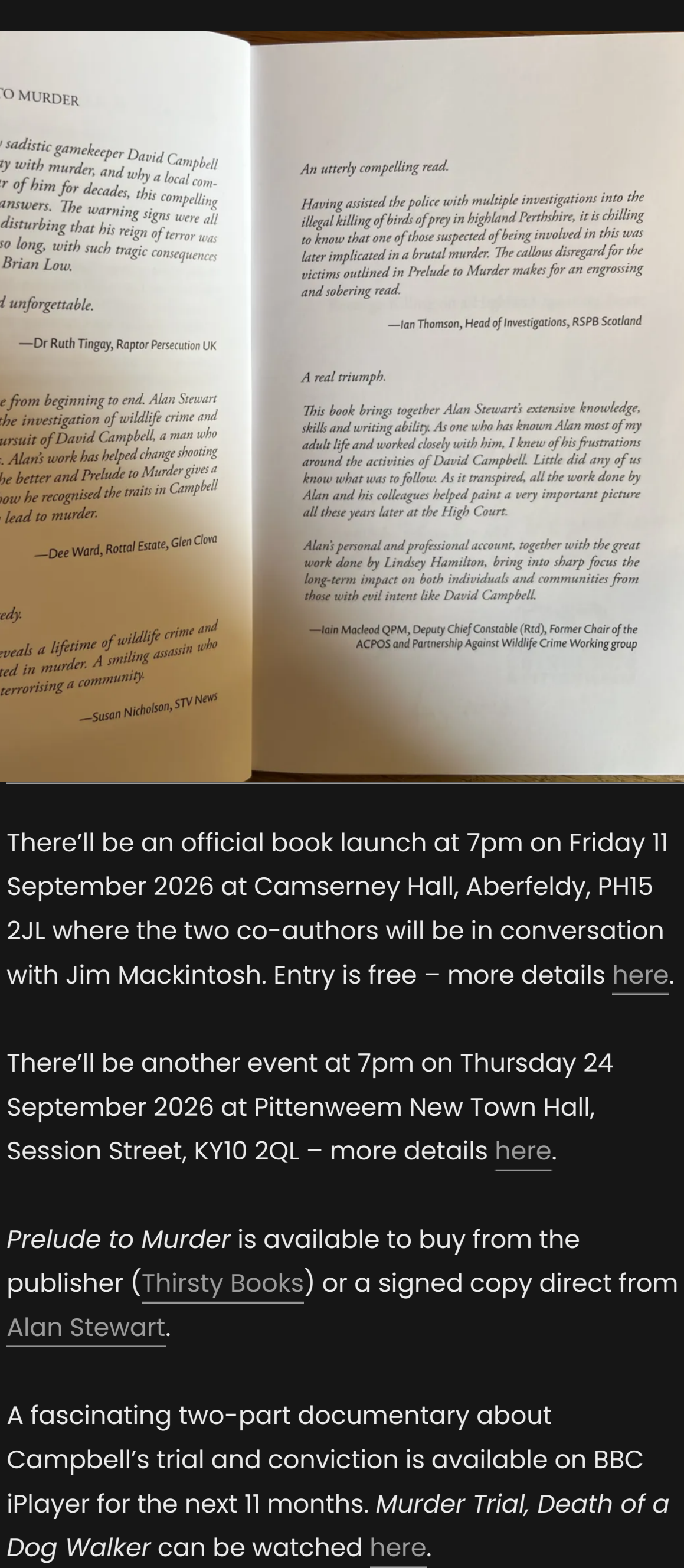
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Edradynate Estate, gamekeeper, poisoning, shooting

Former Tayside Police Wildlife Crime Officer Alan Stewart's book, co-authored by Lindsey Hamilton, has now been published.

Prelude to Murder: Revenge Killing on a Highland Estate focuses on the trial and subsequent conviction for murder of ex-Edradynate Estate Head Gamekeeper David Campbell, who was recently sentenced to a minimum 19 years in prison for the ambush and execution of former Edradynate Estate groundsman Brian Low, whom Campbell blasted with a shotgun whilst Brian was out walking his dog.

The book also provides commentary on the many wildlife crime investigations at Edradynate Estate during Campbell's employment, mostly centred on the illegal poisoning and shooting of protected birds of prey, for which nobody was ever convicted.

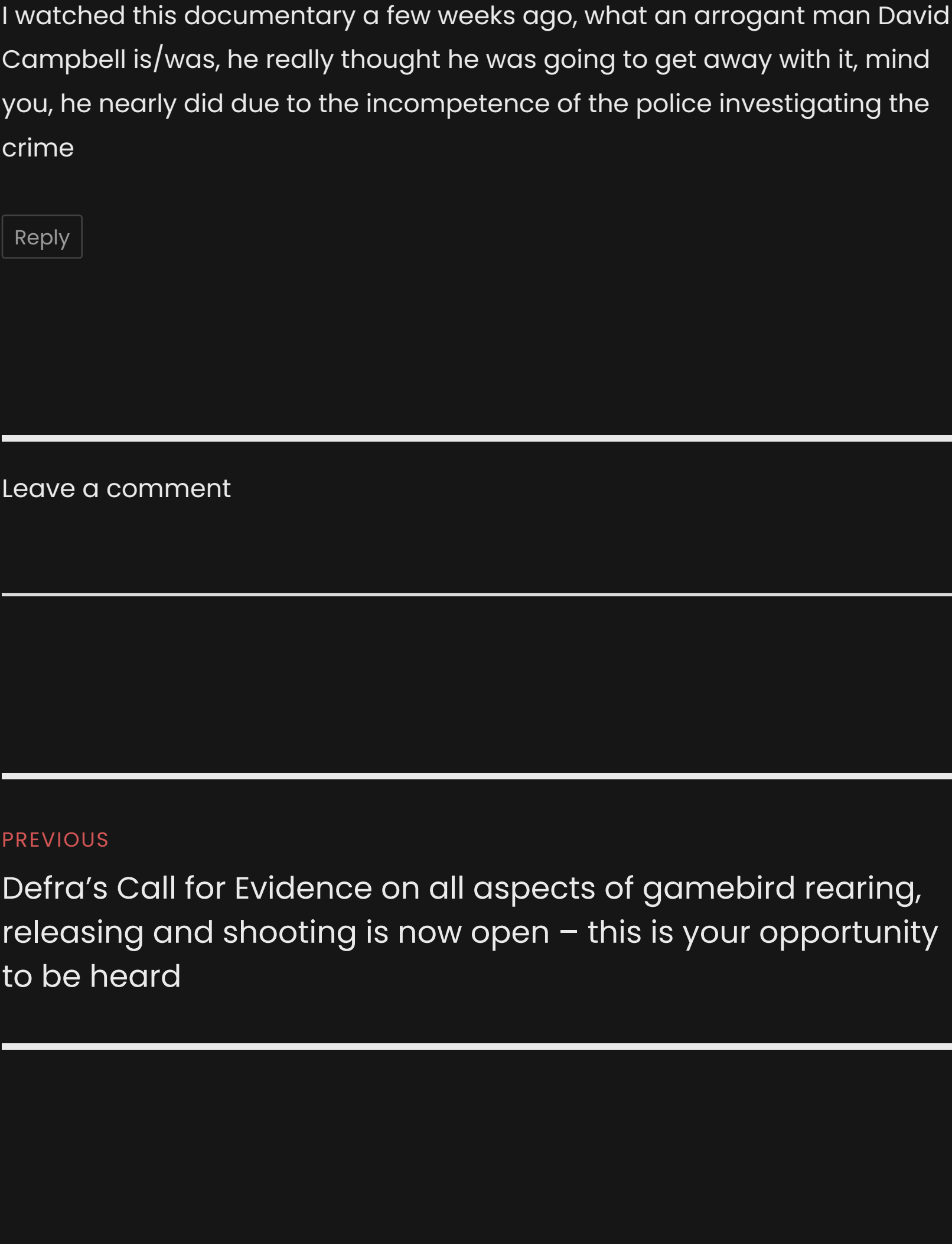


There'll be an official book launch at 7pm on Friday 11 September 2026 at Camserney Hall, Aberfeldy, PH15 2JL where the two co-authors will be in conversation with Jim Mackintosh. Entry is free – more details [here](#).

There'll be another event at 7pm on Thursday 24 September 2026 at Pittenweem New Town Hall, Session Street, KY10 2QL – more details [here](#).

Prelude to Murder is available to buy from the publisher (Thirsty Books) or a signed copy direct from Alan Stewart.

A fascinating two-part documentary about Campbell's trial and conviction is available on BBC iPlayer for the next 11 months. *Murder Trial, Death of a Dog Walker* can be watched [here](#).



One thought on "Book launch: Prelude to Murder – Revenge Killing on a Highland Estate"

SusanH

September 6, 2026 at 138 pm

I watched this documentary a few weeks ago, what an arrogant man David Campbell is/was, he really thought he was going to get away with it, mind you, he nearly did due to the incompetence of the police investigating the crime

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