

Colin McRae 1968 - 2007

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Not Audi related but still a motorsport Icon!

Regarding yesterday's helicopter crash at Jerviswood, Lanark, it has now been confirmed that there were four people, two adults and two young children on board. Although a post mortem has still to take place, the four involved are believed to be: Mr Colin McRae (39) and his son Johnny Gavin McRae, aged 5. Ben Porcelli (6), who had been over playing with Johnny, and family friend Graeme Duncan (37). Chief Superintendent Tim Love, Divisional Commander, South Lanarkshire Division, said today: "We believe that the group were just returning from a visit to the nearby village of Quarter around 1605 hours yesterday, when it appears that the helicopter got into difficulty and crashed within the grounds of Mr McRae's family home. "Our officers are working closely with the Air Accident Investigation Team who are presently at the scene. "Family Liaison Officers have been appointed and are with the families to help them through this distressing and difficult time." Please note that the families involved are not available for interview and media are asked to respect their privacy at this time. STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF COLIN McRAE'S FAMILY Speaking on behalf of the whole family, Colin's father, Jim McRae, said today: "It is with much sadness and regret that we have to make this statement. It is unbelievable that Colin and Johnny's lives have been taken so prematurely and in such a tragic manner. Colin was a great son, a loving husband to Alison and a fantastic father to Johnny and his big sister Hollie. Johnny was a great wee guy, spending every spare minute with his dad, and even at this early stage it looked like he had the potential to carry on the family dynasty. Our thoughts are also very much with the families of Ben Porcelli and Graeme Duncan. Ben was a great buddy of Johnny's and they had always spent a lot of time together both in and out of school. Graeme, who now resides in France, had been a close friend of Colin's since their schooldays and was back in Lanark on holiday. We are thankful for the overwhelming number of messages of support we have received from all around the world. Colin was very much an inspiration and role model to motorsport fans the world over. As you can imagine this is a very difficult time for the family and we would ask that our privacy be respected and we be allowed to grieve in private." <http://www.colinmrae.com/condolences.asp>

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