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[REDACTED]
By email – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SOCIAL MEDIA ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS

We refer to your email dated 2 June 2016 which was acknowledged on 3 June 2016.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email of 2 June 2016 you requested the following information:

“I write to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Please present the information in a spreadsheet, with different criteria in different columns.

- How many times the following actions were taken by police were made in the past year (2015 calendar year) in response to social media posts by suspects: interviews, cautions, arrests.
- In each above case please specify the offence of which they were suspected.
- Please also specify whether any charges resulted.

For the purposes of the above answer, "social media" can be taken to refer to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Tumblr.”

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Case	Alleged offence	Interview	Caution	Arrest	Outcome
1	Scottish Offence - Threats and Extortion (Common Law)	N/A – Information held by Home Office Force	N/A – Information held by HO Police Force	N/A – Information held by HO Police Force	Not known - Handed over to Home Office Police Force
2	Scottish Offence - Sec 1 of the Malicious Communications Act	Yes	No	No	No further action
3	Harassment of Another Sec 2 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997	No	No	No	No further action
4	Scottish Offence - Sec 1 of the Malicious Communications Act	Yes	No	No	No further action

If you are not satisfied with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website (<http://www.ico.org.uk>).

Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office