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Date: 28 November 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

I refer to your e-mail of 3 November 2017, which was acknowledged on the 7 November 2017.

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

In your e-mail you requested the following information:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can I ask the following information on crimes committed during the Christmas holiday period in the past three years.

- **Please can you tell me how many crimes were reported to your force in the two-week period from 20th December 2016 – 3rd January 2017? Could I have this information broken down by the type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc), and by the eventual outcome (e.g. charged, unresolved)?**
- **Please could you provide the same information for the equivalent two-week periods in the two previous years (20th December 2015 – 3rd January 2016 and 20th December 2014 – 3rd January 2015)?”**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held by Ministry of Defence Police. Please see the attached table.

The Ministry of Defence Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information with regard to an exempt body as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

Sections 24 and 31 are prejudice based qualified exemptions and there is a requirement to articulate the harm that would be caused in confirming or not that the information is held as well as carrying out a public interest test.

I have conducted a public interest test and concluded that the balance strongly favours neither confirming or denying the Ministry of Defence Police holds information.

- Section 24(2) applies because confirming or denying if any other information is held would be likely to compromise any intelligence or investigations into terrorist activity and could jeopardise the security or infrastructure of the UK and increase the risk of harm to the public.

- Section 31(3) applies because confirming or denying whether any other information is or isn't held would reveal intelligence about policing activity relating to terrorist offences, providing those intent on committing criminal or terrorist acts with valuable information.

This should not be taken as conclusive evidence that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Sec Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office

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20th December 2016 – 3rd January 2017

8 crimes reported

Theft (from a motor vehicle)	Closed-NFA	1
Handling Stolen Goods(undertaking to, or assisting in retention, removal, disposal or realisation)	Closed-NFA	1
Theft (not classified elsewhere)	Closed-NFA	2
Assault and Battery (common assault)	Closed-NFA	1
Vandalism	Closed-No crime	1
Vandalism	Closed-NAF	1
Handling Stolen Goods(undertaking to, or assisting in retention, removal, disposal or realisation)	Ongoing Investigation	1

20th December 2015 – 3rd January 2016

5 crimes reported

Malicious Mischief	Charged	1
Theft (from a shop or a stall)(shoplifting)	Community Resolution	1
Theft (Common Law)	Ongoing Investigation	1
Other Criminal Damage under £5000	Closed -NFA	1
Assault and Battery (Common Assault)	Closed other agency dealing	1

20th December 2014 – 3rd January 2015

20 crimes reported

Theft (by employee)	Closed other agency dealing	1
Theft (of a pedal cycle)	Closed - NFA	3
Other Criminal Damage - under £5000	Recorded in error	1
Burglary (stealing or attempting to steal-other than in dwelling)	Closed -NFA	1
Theft (not classified elsewhere)	Closed –NFA Charged	3 1
Indecent/Obscene/Menacing communications	Closed – other agency dealing	1
Criminal Damage to a vehicle under £5000	Closed- NFA	2
Interference with Motor Vehicles	Closed -NFA	1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	Closed –NFA	1
Indecent/Obscene/Menacing communications	Recorded in error	1
Assault and Battery (common assault)	Closed -NFA	1
Fraud by false representation	Ongoing investigation	2
Impersonating Ministry of Defence Police Officer with intent to deceive	Closed -NFA	1