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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO THE MURDER OF SGT JAMISON ON 8 MARCH 1990

I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

“As suggested could you please supply us with documentation with reference to the murder of Thomas Jamison on 08 Mar 1990 that would be available within the time limit.”

I can confirm that the MOD holds some information relating to the incident which resulted in the death of Sgt Jamison. This information has been located in a range of documents which I have provided relevant extracts at Annex A. These would have been highly redacted as the remaining information they include is outside the scope of your request. If you wish to receive the documents in the redacted format, we can provide on request.

Some of the information located falls within the scope of Section 26 (Defence) of the FOI(A), as its release would or would be likely to prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant forces. Section 26 is a qualified exemption and we have conducted a public interest test to determine whether the information should be released or withheld. The factors for this public interest have determined that whilst disclosure would demonstrate openness and transparency, this is outweighed by the detrimental effect disclosure would have in revealing the capabilities of military operational planning by compromising the methodologies and practices employed in the gathering and analysis of information. I have therefore concluded that the public interest supports withholding some information under Section 26.

All Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) cases remain open and if new evidence comes forward the PSNI will reinvestigate. Release of these documents must be carefully considered under Section 31 (Law Enforcement) of the FOI(A). I have completed this consideration through a public interest test including consultation with the PSNI who have advised that release of some of the information could adversely impact on any investigative process, and may jeopardise any future prosecutorial process. On this basis, I am withholding some of the information under Section 31 of the FOI(A).

I appreciate that this incident took place 28 years ago and the passage of time can be a factor in diminishing the applicability of exemptions to information. However, in this instance the passage of time is less relevant as the PSNI continue to investigate Troubles-related murders and the overall balance is in favour of partial exemption.

In addition, some of the information falls within the scope of Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOI(A), as its release could endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or endanger the safety of any individual.

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and we have conducted a public interest test to determine whether the information should be released or withheld. The factors for this public interest have determined that whilst disclosure would demonstrate openness and transparency this is outweighed by the detrimental effect disclosure could have on those mentioned in the documents, or their family members and friends. I have concluded that whilst disclosure may be of historical interest, the health and safety of individuals must be taken into account especially where release would be likely to endanger, the physical or mental health of any individual. Some information has therefore been redacted under Section 38 of the FOI(A).

Additionally, some of the information contained within the disclosure constitutes personal information, such as names and addresses. Under FOI(A) this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA 98). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted in order for this information to be exempt from disclosure. Therefore, all personal information has been redacted.

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.

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Yours sincerely

38 (Irish) Brigade FOI Team

ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT
KILLED DUE TO TERRORISM
1969 to date (as at Mar 2000)

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1990

NAME	UNIT	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
SGT TA JAMISON	5 UDR	8 MAR	TULLYNURE

DEATH LOGS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>
JAMESON(<i>sic</i>), T A (PT UDR)	08.03.90	Tullynure	Gunshot Wounds

UDR/RIR DEATH LOG 1969 to DATE

1988						
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
183	Sgt	Thomas A Jamison	08 Mar	PT 5 UDR	OFF	1990067002

LIST OF DEATHS (1012 Vol 7)

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
605	08 Mar 90	SGT	TA	JAMISON	PT 5 UDR	TULLYNURE	SHOT	OFF

HQNI G3 (Ops) Log Sheets-9 Mar 90

Ser	Time	To	From	Event	Action	Sig
01	0223	+	39X	[Redacted]		[Redacted]
08	0931	CO L23	C24	<p><u>ATO REQUEST</u> (MURDER OF PT UDR SGT)</p> <p>a. To clear seat of explosion and abandon car.</p> <p>B. SEAT OF EXPLOSION GR [Redacted]</p> <p>Abandoned car GR 733606</p> <p>C. TBC</p> <p>D. Killymeal House route 5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">L23 tasked 0934</p>	SATO	[Redacted]
09	1010	X	8X	In follow up to PT UDR Shooting 8 UDR claim to have found possible CEX at [Redacted] Auglintober Castlecaulfield GR [Redacted] owned by [Redacted]	SATO	[Redacted]
10	1140	X	8X	[Redacted]	ASC SO2 G3	[Redacted]

DEATHS – 1990 (1012 Vol 2)

SER	DATE	NAME	ORG	DETAILS
10	08 MAR 90	24134676 Sgt Jamison	UDR (P/T)	Shot & fatally wounded by PIRA whilst driving a lorry for his employer – James Henry Construction. (Nr Dungannon)

DEATHS, DUE TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND - 1990

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
SGT JAMESON(<i>sic</i>) TA (5UDR)	08.03.90	Tullynure

Daily Operation Brief – 08/09 Mar 90 (069/90)

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5. 091220Z. FOLLOW UP TO MURDER OF UDR (PT) SOLDIER, DUNGANNON (8 UDR). (Daily Operations Brief 068/90 refers).
 [Redacted]

HQNI G3 (Ops) Log Sheets – 8 Mar 90

Ser	Time	To	From	Event	Action	Sig
04	1709	X	8X	Shooting Dungannon, Donaghmore area possible PT UDR Soldier Killed GR 762644	ASC, MO2, AIS GOC, NIO, UDR, NIO, DO, G4	[Redacted]
05	1754	X	FCIC	Concrete mixer lorry ambushed, driver (killed) of Henry's contractor work for SF	G4	[Redacted]
06	1802	CO	C24	[Redacted]		[Redacted]
07	1825	X	8X	[Redacted]		[Redacted]
08	1858	X	FCIC	DEADMAN PT Sgt 5 UDR Thomas Jamieson (<i>sic</i>) [Redacted] Parkmore Cres, Londonderry [Redacted]	8 Bde NIO G1 ASC	[Redacted]

Verbatim Extracts from Various Documents Relating to the Murder of Sgt Jamison - 8 March 1990

Daily Operation Brief – 08/09 Mar 90 (068/90)

8 INF BDE

3. Summary of Incident
 - a. 081655Z Murder of UDR (PT) Soldier, Dungannon (8 UDR)

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS 8 INF BDE

MURDER OF UDR (PT) SOLDIER, DUGANNON (8UDR)

1. Summary Thomas Jamison, an off-duty 8 UDR (PT) soldier, was shot and killed whilst driving a lorry for his employer James Henry Construction.
2. Details
 - a. [Redacted]
 - b. [Redacted] of these terrorists left the house and moved to a firing point by the road at GR [Redacted].
 - c. At 1655Z the [Redacted] terrorists fired on and fatally wounded Thomas Jamison as the lorry he was driving passed within 10m of the firing point. [Redacted]
 - d. [Redacted]
 - e. At 2115Z the firing point was declared clear [Redacted]
 - 1 [Redacted]
 - 2 [Redacted]
 - 3 [Redacted]
3. The IRA have claimed responsibility for the attack.
4. The follow up operation continues.

*24134676 Sgt Jamison
DOB: 24 Feb 50
A Coy 5 UDR (PT) (off-duty)