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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: MEDIA APPEARANCES .

We refer to your email dated 20 February 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the 22 February 2021.

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

In your email you requested the following information:

I am writing to request information on media appearances by Ministry of Defence Police (and preceding agencies) in a documentary style, such as but not limited to 'Road Wars', 'Police Interceptors', 'Brit Cops' etc, where a camera person(s) is deployed with police officers and are followed throughout their tour of duty. This is for the time period 2003 to present.

I would like to know;

Name of production

Production Company

Policing Unit(s)/Investigation(s)/Operation(s) followed

Status of Unit (active/disbanded/reformed/reorganized)

I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with Ministry of Defence Police - are they encouraged? If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously?

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A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

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No information held.

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All media requests are considered on a case-by-case basis. The Ministry of Defence Police are not involved in any current filming.

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No information held. Ministry of Defence Police vehicles do not operate dashcams.

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

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Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office