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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: DEATHS FOLLOWING CONTACT WITH POLICE.

We refer to your email dated 30 March 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

In your email you requested the following information:

As I noted in the email, I define a death in custody as a death occurring during or directly resulting from contact with the police. This does not just occur in detention centres or in prison cells but rather during a pursuit or while or after a suspect is being detained.

With that in mind could you please answer the questions I have brought to you?

- 1. How many people have died in police custody in your specific jurisdiction and locality since January 1st 1990? (We are defining a death in custody as a death occurring during or directly resulting from contact with the police).**
- 2. Are those individuals' ethnicities recorded and, if so, how many of them are recorded as non-white?**
- 3. Of those individuals can you provide the names and any other details of those recorded as black? (We are defining black as those of African or Caribbean heritage including mixed race people of African or Caribbean heritage)"**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) 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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No information held

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

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