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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: PHONE TEXT SCAMS.

We refer to your email dated 17 June 2021 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on the same date.

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 would like to know how many people reported phone text scams in the past year.
 - o If this is not possible to retrieve or too much data to go through, I'd like to know the amount of people reported in the past 6 months.
- If possible, I would also like to know the address of each complaint. Just the town name is sufficient if full address cannot be provided.
- If possible, what the phone text scam text was and what scam they were being targeted for.

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.

There has been one reported incident in the past year. The sender of the text claimed to be from the Court of Appeal. No other details are held.

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.gov.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 Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office