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Our Ref: eCase: FOI2023/09557

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: SKUNK IN HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS**

We refer to your email dated 03 August 2023 to the Ministry of Defence, which we acknowledged on the 03 August 2023.

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:

- 1. The number of homicide or attempted murder investigation reports, since 2018, which make reference to a suspect being under the influence of drugs at the time of offence, broken down by year.**
- 2. The number of these reports which references a suspect being under the influence of 'cannabis' or 'skunk' or 'skunkweed' at the time of offence, broken down by year.**
- 3. Examples of homicide or attempted murder investigation reports (redacted as necessary) which references a suspect being under the influence of 'skunk' over the past 12 months.**
- 4. Any internal or external notes shared by the force within the past 12 months which references 'skunk' in relation to homicide investigations.**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and the following information is provided in response.

- 1. The number of homicide or attempted murder investigation reports, since 2018, which make reference to a suspect being under the influence of drugs at the time of offence, broken down by year.**

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- 2. The number of these reports which references a suspect being under the influence of 'cannabis' or 'skunk' or 'skunkweed' at the time of offence, broken down by year.**

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- 3. Examples of homicide or attempted murder investigation reports (redacted as necessary) which references a suspect being under the influence of 'skunk' over the past 12 months.**

No information held.

- 4. Any internal or external notes shared by the force within the past 12 months which references 'skunk' in relation to homicide investigations.**

No information held.

If you are dissatisfied with 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). Internal review requests should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**