27 March 2018

Dear [Redacted],

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 8 February 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

1. How many incidents in the 2017 year were firearms presented at police officers?
2. Did any of the incidents involved licensed firearm owners? If so, how many?
3. How many were imitation firearms?
4. How many times were police actively fired upon?
5. How many police officers were injured in these incidents?
6. How many members of the public were injured in these incidents?
7. How many prosecutions resulted from these incidents?

My responses are as follows:

1. How many incidents in the 2017 year were firearms presented at police officers?

In 2017, police have recorded 17 occurrences where a police officer had a firearm presented at them.

2. Did any of the incidents involve licensed firearm owners? If so, how many?

Of the members of the public who were involved in these incidents none held a firearms licence.

3. How many were imitation firearms?

Of the 17 occurrences where a police officer had a firearm presented at them, three were found to be imitation firearms.

4. How many times were police actively fired upon?

Of the 17 occurrences where a police officer had a firearm presented at them, there were four separate incidents of officers being shot at.

5. How many police officers were injured in these incidents?

No officers were injured by firearms in these incidents.

6. How many members of the public were injured in these incidents?

No members of the public were injured by firearms in these incidents.

7. How many prosecutions resulted from these incidents?

Of the 17 occurrences where a police officer had a firearm presented at them, there were 13 prosecutions in relation to these offences.

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If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have a right under section 2(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

For your information, Police is developing a process for proactive release of information, so the response to your request may be publicly released.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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