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Your Ref:

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: Operation Fleet

I refer to your email dated 8 January 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

I would like to make a freedom of information request for "Operation Fleet" on the 25th February 2009 in Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and beyond. I have posted a link below from Cumbernauld news if any further details are required.

<http://m.cumbernauld-news.co.uk/news/local-news/black-friday-for-crooks-1-354099>

I am unsure what information you will be able to provide me, but have some brief questions below. I am assuming that there would be an end of operation report or summary of what the police had done/achieved and I was hoping at least that I would be able to get this. I would like to request any details of the operation that I can get.

- *Why was operation fleet initiated?*
- *What was the target of operation fleet? Was it organized crime, such as the Lyons family/gang I know existed in Cumbernauld?*

- ***It is unlikely you will provide me with the names of the people arrested or charged, but can you tell me which court dealt with the cases? This is so I can trace the court records from there.***

I refer to your foregoing request for information which has now been considered and I can advise you that Police Service of Scotland does not hold any of the information requested by you. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, I have requested that the relevant business areas respond in terms of what is held. Consequently I can advise that there is no information held.

Notwithstanding, whilst there is anecdotal evidence from those individuals who could advise what this operation referred to, there is no data (permanent recordable format) retained.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 0141 435 1217 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Once informed of the Review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; 'Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS', telephone 01334 464610.

Yours sincerely

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