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Ms Sophie Rises

By Email

Dear Ms Rises,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 415/11

I refer to your email of 30 July 2011, in which you requested information in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I have repeated your questions hereunder, for your ease of reference;

- 1. Please could you provide information to explain in what circumstances an investigation would be restricted so that only an Inspector or above would be able to open it?**

The decision on whether to make a crime report restricted, lies with the enquiry officer, and there can be many reasons why this decision is taken. There is no distinct policy on when a crime report should be made restricted, therefore, more specific information cannot be provided in terms of Section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Information Not Held.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. However, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to proceed, please write to Iain Gray, Head of Information Disclosure Unit, Grampian Police, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5AB, within 40 working days of receiving this letter, stating clearly that you request a review and the decisions you wish reviewed.

If, after having been informed of the review decision you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months of the date of the review response. 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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