

Dan Coelho By email

Reference: FOI-2021-174

9 March 2021

Dear Mr Coelho,

Your request was received on 20 February 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I am writing to request information on media appearances by University of Cambridge Constabulary (and preceding agencies) in a documentary style, such as but not limited to 'Road Wars', 'Police Interceptors', 'Brit Cops' etc, where a camera person(s) is deployed with police officers and are followed throughout their tour of duty. This is for the time period 2003 to present.

I would like to know;

Name of production

Production Company

Policing Unit(s)/Investigation(s)/Operation(s) followed

Status of Unit (active/disbanded/reformed/reorganized)

I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with University of Cambridge Constabulary - are they encouraged? If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously?

On a similar line, police forces used to sell dashcam footage as 'filler' in these documentary shows, between their own self shot material. Does University of Cambridge Constabulary sell dashcam, or otherwise make them available?

The University of Cambridge Constabulary assists the Proctors in maintaining good order and protecting freedom of speech at University events, including ceremonies, and is concerned only with the University community. While the Constabulary may have appeared in film footage about University

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Tel: +44 (0) 1223 764142 Fax: +44 (0) 1223 332332 Email: foi@admin.cam.ac.uk www.cam.ac.uk occasions, we are not aware that anyone has attempted to make any sort of film or documentary about the Constabulary within the last 20 years. There are no current plans to take part in any film or documentary and there has not been any interest in making them, so no 'stance' has been required. The Constabulary has not patrolled for decades and has no vehicles, bodycams or radios, and so holds no dashcam footage or similar.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of this decision, you should contact us quoting the reference number above. The University would normally expect to receive your request for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (https://ico.org.uk/).

Yours sincerely,

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