



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2017-03345

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Displayed Weaponry 30th September 2017 - Londonderry

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

On 30th September 2017 a so called re-enactment was carried out in Londonderry involving the use of what was stated in the press as "Replica weapons".

PSNI have answered a FOI request that states that despite having advance notification of this matter no checks were made to ascertain the viability or status of the weaponry displayed.

Since the date of occurrence 30th Sept 2017 until date of this request 7th December 2017 what steps have been taken by PSNI to locate and validate the status of the displayed weaponry?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland were in contact with the organiser during the above time frame (30th September 2017 until 7th December 2017) and despite it not being a legal requirement, checks of the replica weapons were conducted. Please note these checks were outside of this requested time frame.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they

investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.