



Freedom of Information Request 202/20

Response date: 1st July 2020

A shocking story in the Daily Mail from 2018 details the criminality of former PC Dean Roberts:

“Judge Recorder of Cardiff Eleri Rees QC, handed Roberts a 16-year extended sentence and told him he must serve at least 12 years behind bars.”

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6035249/Police-officer-48-filmed-raping-baby-girl-jailed-16-years.html>

1. If PC Roberts was ever suspended from his job, from what dates did his suspension run?
2. Did he resign or was he dismissed?
3. On what date did he stop working for South Wales Police?
4. If he faced a misconduct panel in connection with the baby rape, please provide (i) the date of the hearing, (ii) confirm whether his name was placed into the public domain, (iii) provide all information held on the outcome of the hearing and, finally, (iv) provide details of any contribution made by South Wales Police to cover Roberts' legal or other costs associated with his criminality as detailed in the newspaper story referred to above.

RESPONSE

Question 1

Your request for information has now been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40(2) is an absolute class based exemption and therefore the authority is not required to consider the public interest in disclosure.

Personal data means data which relate to a living individual who can be identified:

- (a) from those data, or
- (b) from those data and other information which is in the possession of, or is likely to come into the possession of, the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual.

Information will “relate to” a person if it is about them, linked to them, has some biographical significance for them, is used to inform decisions affecting them, has them as its main focus or impacts on them in any way.

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All individuals have an intrinsic right to privacy and these rights are protected by virtue of the Human Rights Act and the Data Protection Act and a public authority must not interfere with that right. Any release of the information subject to the exemption is likely to compromise those rights.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a refusal notice for your request.

Questions 2, 3, 4(i), 4(ii) & 4(iii)

As this information is available in the public domain, we are therefore not obliged to provide this information as the following exemption applies:

Section 21 – Information Accessible by Other Means.

This is an absolute, class based exemption which means that a public authority is not required to consider the public interest in disclosure.

Under Section 16, the duty to provide advice and assistance, please see the below link:

<https://www.south-wales.police.uk/en/newsroom/two-men-jailed-for-a-total-of-32-years-for-appalling-abuse-of-children/>

Question 4(iv)

We have consulted with our Professional Standards Department who confirm that this information is not recorded. Therefore, South Wales Police does not hold the information to answer your request.

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