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Dear Mr Spaven

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190410010**

Thank you for your request dated 10 April 2019 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

***Please tell me how Legal Aid money was paid to Ceon Broughton for his manslaughter case.***

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it below. For the avoidance of doubt, payment is made to the legal representatives of a defendant, rather than to the defendant themselves:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ceon Broughton	£24,068.90

As the trial ended recently LAA have not received all the bills on these cases and providers representing the individuals have up to 3 months from the date case concluded to submit their bills to LAA for assessment.

Please note that the above costs include VAT and disbursements; disbursements are expenses incurred which although paid by the LAA directly to the providers, are then paid to other parties involved in the case.

Anyone facing a Crown Court trial is eligible for legal aid, subject to a strict means test. Depending on their means, applicants for criminal legal aid can be required to pay contributions up to the entire cost of the defence.

The Legal Aid Agency (LAA) records data on legal aid granted at the police station, magistrates court or prison on a computer system which does not record all of the personal information needed to allow individuals to be conclusively identified. Initials and surnames are recorded but not full names or dates of birth. Where possible, we look at other related information to confirm that such legal aid claims relate to the individual(s) named in a Freedom of Information request so that we can include the information as appropriate, but if we are not able to verify that a claim relates to the individual(s) named we cannot include it in our response.

## **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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