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John Cole

By Email

Dear Mr Cole,

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 449/12**

I refer to your email of 12 September 2012, 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;

**Can you provide all details on any operation regarding the stop and search of Rangers Supporters buses on**

- **Sunday 29th July 2012,**
- **Tuesday 7th August 2012,**
- **Saturday 11th August 2012,**
- **Saturday 18th August 2012,**
- **Tuesday 21st August 2012,**
- **Sunday 26th August 2012,**
- **Thursday 30th August 2012,**
- **Sunday 2nd September 2012**

- 1. How many buses were stopped & searched**
- 2. What reasonable grounds of suspicion or evidence was there to stop and search each bus for offence**
- 3. How many officers in total were involved in search**
- 4) Location of each search**
- 5) Total costs of each operation**
- 6) Duration of each operation**
- 7) How much alcohol was recovered and how and where was is disposed of**
- 8) Number of cautions or arrests**

Please find below the responses to the above questions. Saturday 11 August 2012 is the only relevant match day applicable to the Grampian police area.

1. 13 buses.
2. The deployment was intelligence-led.
3. 14.
4. A90 Dundee to Aberdeen Road at Bridge of Dee.
5. The Force does not have any systems in place at the present time for collating all time spent by Officers on specific investigations/operations, therefore I am unable to provide you with the information you seek in terms of Section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Information Not Held.
6. 90 minutes.
7. 50 cans/bottles of beer, 6 bottles of Cider, 1 litre of Vodka and 1 and 1/2 bottles of Buckfast all lodged as productions.
8. 5 persons reported.

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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