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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2008-04361

Keyword: Crime

Subject: GAY PRIDE PARADE

Request:

Question 1

Was the following alleged crime reported or detected via CCTV?

During a "Gay pride" march in Belfast on the 2nd August a man participating in the march committed a shocking and depraved act before a crowd of people, including women and children. An organiser of the parade defended the act on the BBC news as "youthful exuberance" and earlier stated that the act was "understandable" as the man was provoked by the views of Christians.

What did this person do? He waited until he was facing a group of Christians who were protesting against the march outside St Anne's Cathedral, when he dropped his trousers to his ankles and committed an obscene act with his genitals.

There was no attempt to try and remove this man from the parade by the organisers, who it seems supported his sick public display.

Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

The incident was not reported to police at the time.

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 email.

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.