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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00189

Keyword: Crime

Subject: INFORMATION ON LIFE LICENSE

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

Question 1

The number of prisoners, who have been released on a 'Life License', issued under section 28(5) of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 that have subsequently breached their license and have been 'wanted on prison recall'?

Question 2

Of those offenders 'wanted on prison recall', how many were successfully recalled?

Question 3

Of those offenders subject to a 'prison recall' how many were convicted for another offence while at large?

Answer

The PSNI has searched for the information requested and has established that the information cannot be accessed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland. The PSNI search facility does not have a 'Wanted on Prison Recall' flag, which would be necessary to locate and retrieve the relevant information. The PSNI may hold this information in some shape or form but it would be in a fragmented state and would involve each district to trawl through records as well as a manual trawl of ICIS. The accuracy of anything we could provide would be questionable and would exceed the 18-hour timescale. However, the PSNI has made enquiries with external agencies and would suggest that the best place to obtain the information requested may be the Northern Ireland Prison Service. Should you wish to submit a request to them, the link has been provided.

<http://www.niprisonservice.gov.uk/module.cfm/opt/13/area/FOI/page/foirequest/>

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.

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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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