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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03437

Keyword: Crime

Subject: USE OF PSYCHIC

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Has the police service ever acquired the services or been offered the services of a psychic to help them on an investigation?

Question 2

If yes, could you list and name the closed investigations or number of ongoing investigations? Also dates of investigations and background information if possible.

Question 3

Can you name the psychics and on which investigations they were involved in?

Question 4

Were they offered money for their help? If so, how much? Could you provide a list if possible of amounts and totals?

Question 5

On how many cases has information provided by a psychic resulted in a new lead or conviction? Can you provide information if possible?

Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access. 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.