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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00012

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** HIGH PROFILE CASES

### Request and Answer:

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

For each of the serious crimes listed below please let me know if

- a. there have been any successful prosecutions
- b. if anyone has been arrested and is awaiting prosecution

#### Question 1

Omagh bomb August 1998.

#### Answer 1

On the 05/09/2003 the PSNI charged 1 person with the murder of 29 people and causing the explosion in Omagh. This person went to trial and was found not guilty.

#### Question 2

Makro store Belfast, May 2003.

#### Answer 2

No information Held.

#### Question 3

Robbery at Northern Bank Belfast December 2004.

#### Answer 3

There were 4 persons charged, 3 persons had the charges withdrawn against them and 1 person stood trial in Laganside crown court charged with the Northern Bank Robbery. This trial lasted approximately 6 weeks until Judge McLoughlin directed the defendant be found not guilty.

#### Question 4

Murder of Robert McCartney January 2005.

Answer 4

3 persons stood trial in 2008 and were found not guilty. No-one is awaiting prosecution.

Question 5

Murder of Paul Quinn October 2007.

Answer 5

This is an investigation mounted by An Garda Síochána.

Question 6

Series of raids in which ATM were removed by JCB / digger in 2009.

Answer 6

During 2009 a number of premises in Northern Ireland have been attacked using stolen plant machinery resulting in damage caused and the theft of a number of Automatic Teller Machines from both Bank premises and private businesses. Investigations are being conducted into these matters by various Departments of the Police Service. To date 2 persons have been directly arrested in relation to these offences. No prosecutions are awaiting at this stage.

Question 7

Murder of Sapper Patrick Azimkar and Mark Quinsey March 2009.

Answer 7

2 persons charged with 2 murders, 6 attempted murders and Possession of a Firearm With Intent. 4 persons reported to PPS for other offences related to the incident. Directions re prosecution(s) are still pending.

Question 8

Murder PSNI PC Stephen Carroll March 2009.

Answer 8

2 persons charged with this murder and other terrorist related offences arising out of it. A further male has been charged with Withholding Information regarding the murder. 4 other persons are being reported to the PPS. Directions re prosecution(s) still pending.

Question 9

Attempted bomb attack at NI Policing Board' headquarters Belfast November 2009

Answer 9

No-one awaiting prosecution as at this date.

Question 10

Illegal fuel laundering plant near Jonesborough in south Armagh Northern Bank, raided by PSNI 1st December 2009.

Answer 10

This is an investigation mounted by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

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 letter.

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Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

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