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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F 2010 03344

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Threat Book and Community Festival - Omagh

### Request and Answer:

I would be grateful if you could provide us with the following detailed information and the relevant documents under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### 1. The Threat Book

The result of any internal inquiries, interviews and statements collected about this serious matter - 4th August 1998 phone call

#### 2. Community Festival - 15th August

Did the police carry out an investigation and if so may we please have the details of it and any witnesses statements taken?

#### 3. Was there an emergency evacuation plan for Omagh at that time?

I would be grateful if you would provide this information and all relevant documents at your earliest convenience

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.

#### Question 1.

The Threat Book - The result of any internal inquiries, interviews and statements collected about this serious matter - 4th August 1998 phone call.

#### Answer 1

Following the initiation of the Police Ombudsman's investigation in 2001, the book recording threats within Omagh Sub Division became an issue and a search was commenced within Omagh station and within the Omagh bomb enquiry papers. The search was not successful in locating the book for the period 19.11.96 - 7.9.98, however, no internal inquiry took place.

In relation to the 4th of August phone call - The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland conducted an extensive enquiry into the 4th of August anonymous telephone call and concluded in September 2009 that there was no evidence to support criminal or misconduct charges.

Question 2.

Community Festival - 15th August

Did the police carry out an investigation and if so may we please have the details of it and any witnesses statements taken?

Answer 2.

No police investigation took place into why the Festival was cancelled, therefore no information is held.

Question 3.

Was there an emergency evacuation plan for Omagh at that time?

Answer 3.

Evacuations plans would have been as per the procedure for dealing with Major Incidents, which was current at the time.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact 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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