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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01137
Keyword: Human Resources
Subject: Weekly Orders Entitled 'Reduction in Rank'

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your questions are as follows:

Question 1

Since January 2006 on how many occasions has a published weekly order contained a section entitled 'Reduction in rank'?

Answer

On two occasions a published weekly order has contained a section 'Reduction in Rank' since 2006.

Question 2

Please provide relevant weekly order numbers.

Answer

Weekly Order numbers are 15/09 and 06/10.

Please note however, that in relation to the 'Reduction In Rank' shown on Weekly Order 15/09, which reduced a Police Officer by two ranks, under the heading 'Discipline' on Weekly Order 17/09 this Police Officer was later only reduced by one rank.

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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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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