



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01288

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Information in Relation to Devidas Paliutus

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

Reference: Devidas Paliutus. On September the 9th 2010 he was released from Maghaberry prison. He was on remand charged with rape and is now wanted in connection with the murder of a man in Rooney Park in Kilkeel on Saturday April 23rd 2011.

Since September 9th 2010, how many officers have been searching for this man who is originally from Lithuania?

Answer

Four officers were dedicated full time to this search initially, while other officers were tasked to assist in the search as information and intelligence became available. Such is the nature of unlawfully at large prisoners that the entire service was made aware that this individual was wanted.

Question 2

Please state how many man hours have put into search for Devidas Paliutus since the above date? An approximate amount would be fine eg almost 100 hours etc....

Answer

Although difficult to estimate the time spent on this task, PSNI spent approximately 200 hours searching in Northern Ireland for Devidas Paliutus since September 9th, 2010. Further searches were carried out in the Republic of Ireland and enquiries made by An Garda Siochanna and Interpol.

Question 3

Please state how many full working days were spent searching for Devidas Paliutus since he was wrongly released?

Answer

Fourteen full days were spent searching for Devidas Paliutus since he was wrongly released. Additional days and hours were spent searching for him as information became available.

Question 4

Were there any searches carried out in Kilkeel for Devidas Paliutus?

Answer

No searches were carried out in Kilkeel, however, several searches were conducted in E and F Districts along with searches in the Republic of Ireland.

Question 5

Please state how many there were and where?

Answer

Approximately 10 searches were carried out in E and F Districts.

Question 6

How much has it cost so far to search for Devidas Paliutus?

Question 7

How much has it cost in police overtime to search for Devidas Paliutus.

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. Information in relation to costs for this search is not held in a retrievable format. Various officers were involved with full time enquiries and administration and intelligence duties as and when required. Due to the nature of searches for unlawfully at large criminals and the fact that the entire service was, in effect, searching for the individual, costs were not specifically collated. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

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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