



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-00373

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Bomb Explosion at Salmon Leap Bar, Coleraine

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

I am endeavouring to obtain police confirmation that a bomb blast occurred in the salmon leap public house Castleroe, Coleraine on this 21st of August 1975. I require this confirmation from the PSNI in relation to an ongoing trial in which I act for the defendant.

I have been able to find press cuttings to confirm the incident occurred however I require official confirmation from the PSNI.

I would be obliged to hear from you at your earliest possible convenience to confirm that this incident occurred and the precise date of same.

Answer

A record retrieved from the PSNI Archives confirms that a bomb explosion occurred at the Salmon Leap Bar, Kilrea Road, Coleraine on Thursday 21 August 1975 at 00.36 hours.

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.

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.