



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-01644

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Rewards For Information

Request and Answer:

Question 1

The five biggest rewards for information that the force has publicly advertised going back as far as records easily allow.

Answer

Your request was interpreted as seeking rewards offered by the PSNI for information and payable through PSNI funds. The PSNI does not offer rewards for information nor does it routinely endorse them, with the exception of those offered by Crimestoppers, which is a separate organisation. Any rewards offered by them, or any other group or individual, would be paid by them directly and not from PSNI funds.

The PSNI can confirm that the rewards detailed on page numbered 1 below were offered by groups or individuals but to provide any other information which may be held on these is likely to put your request overcost.

Question 2

The date each reward was first advertised and details of the person or people who were wanted as well as a description of their crime(s).

Answer

Please see the answer to question 1.

Question 3

I would also like copies in each case of the public announcement detailing the reward (e.g. <http://www.gmp.police.uk/live/nhoodv3.nsf/WebsitePages/924D31108BB8862580257E2E0023C56A?OpenDocument>)

Answer

Please see the answer to question 1.

Question 4

Finally I would like to know if the rewards were paid out and whether anybody was convicted following the appeal.

Answer

Any individual or group such as Crimestoppers who are offering a reward would deal directly with the person or persons claiming the reward and PSNI do not have any information to answer your question.

I can however confirm that following the appeals listed there was a conviction in one of the murder cases.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Murder of Patrick Devine - Claudy - 13/09/04 - £50,000 offered by family on 10th Anniversary in 2014 - £5,000 by Crimestoppers.

Mark Christie murder - Bangor - 22/08/06 - £20,000 reward offered by mother 20/08/09.

Murders of Constable Carroll and Mark Quinsey & Patrick Azimkar (Massereene) - £100,000 reward offered by Crimestoppers and The Sun newspaper - 11/03/09.

Murder of Joanne Mathers - 1981 - Londonderry - Family offered reward of 'up to £20,000 through charity Crimestoppers' on 13/04/12.

Murder of Ronan Kerr - 02/04/11 - £50,000 reward offered by Crimestoppers on 05/04/15.

Missing person Gerard Conway - 13/02/07 - Family offered £100,000 reward on 09/08/07.