



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2015-02038

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Weapons

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Between what years did the RUC/PSNI use the Mark 3 Sterling sub machine gun?

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.

The Mark 3 Sterling sub machine gun was used between 1971 and 1992.

Question 2

Between what years did the RUC/PSNI use the .38 Ruger Security-Six 6-shot revolver?

Answer

The .38 Ruger Security-Six 6-shot revolver was used between 1979 and 2002.

Question 3

What weapons were these weapons replaced with, and when?

Answer

The Mark 3 Sterling sub machine gun was replaced with the Heckler and Koch range in 1992 and the .38 Ruger Security-Six 6-shot revolver was replaced with the Glock pistol in 2002.

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