



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02464

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Firearms Seizures

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request 1

Previous FOI - F-2018-02293 refers. The PSNI have 283 firearms seizure records for 2017, how many firearms in total did that involve?

Answer

The 283 firearms seizure cases in 2017 involved 851 firearms.

Request 2

The PSNI have 283 firearms seizure records for 2017. Could the PSNI provide the reason for seizure in respect of seizures between 1st July 2017 and 31st December 2017.

Answer

Please see list provided below detailing the reason for seizures between 1 July 2017 and 31 December 2017.

Seizure	Reason
1	Domestic Incident
2	Domestic Incident
3	Domestic Incident
4	Impending Prosecution For Alleged Historical Offences
5	Domestic Incident
6	Medical Condition
7	Medical Condition
8	Domestic Incident
9	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
10	Police Related Investigations
11	Domestic Incident/Medical Condition
12	Allegation Of Sexual Offences

13	Allegation of Common Assault/ Possession of Blade or Point
14	Medical Condition
15	Accidental Discharge of Firearm/Male Injured
16	Domestic Incident
17	Domestic Incident/Medical Condition
18	Domestic Incident/Medical Condition
19	Domestic Incident
20	Medical Condition
21	Suicide
22	Medical Condition
23	Conviction - Driving With Excess Alcohol
24	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
25	Domestic Incident
26	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
27	Allegation Of Sexual Offences
28	Domestic Incident
29	Domestic Incident
30	Domestic Incident
31	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
32	Domestic Incident
33	Police Related Investigations
34	Police Related Investigations
35	Domestic Incident
36	Domestic Incident
37	Convictions- Failing To Stop For Police, Driving With Excess Alcohol, Driving Without Due Care and Attention
38	Domestic Incident
39	Arrest For Attempted Murder
40	Medical Condition
41	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
42	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
43	Arrest For Drugs Offences
44	Domestic Incident
45	Arrested on Suspicion of Common Assault, Threats to Kill and Possession of a Firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.
46	Domestic Incident
47	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
48	Medical Condition
49	Medical Condition
50	House search under Article 4 of Protection of Children NI Order 1978
51	House search under Article 4 of Protection of Children NI Order 1978
52	Medical Condition
53	Domestic Incident
54	Medical Condition
55	Medical Condition
56	Domestic Incident
57	Medical Condition
58	Domestic Incident
59	Medical Condition
60	Investigation Into Drugs Offences by Other Member of Household

61	Domestic Incident
62	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
63	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
64	Investigation into potential use of firearms to cause fear or violence
65	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
66	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
67	Domestic Incident
68	Domestic Incident
69	Arrest For Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm
70	Medical Condition
71	Medical Condition
72	Domestic Incident
73	Allegation Of Sexual Offences
74	Arrest For Assault, Criminal Damage and possession of an offensive weapon.
75	Investigation into Alleged Assault Offences
76	Allegation Of Sexual Offences
77	Convictions - Driving With Excess Alcohol, Using A Motor Vehicle Without Insurance
78	Medical Condition
79	Medical Condition
80	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
81	Domestic Incident
82	Investigation Into Allegations of Harassment
83	Domestic Incident
84	Investigation into Alleged Assault Offences
85	Investigation into Alleged Assault Offences
86	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
87	Domestic Incident
88	Medical Condition
89	Investigation Into Other Member of Household
90	Domestic Incident
91	Investigation Into Report to Police Re: Concerns Over Firearm Certificate Holder's Behaviour
92	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
93	Domestic Incident
94	Domestic Incident
95	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
96	Conviction - Criminal Damage
97	Domestic Incident
98	Convictions - Assault
99	Unsuitable Address Due To Other Member of Household
100	Domestic Incident
101	Domestic Incident
102	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions
103	Breach of Firearm Certificate Conditions

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.