



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00666

Keyword: Organisational Information Police/Staff Misconduct and Complaints

Subject: Officer Arrested for Drunk Driving Offences 24th December 2022

Request and Answer:

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

Request 1

In a media release from the PSNI on 27/12/22 the officer was described as being 'relieved of all duties'. Was the officer suspended from duty at this time? If so, why was this not the wording of the media release?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland can confirm the officer was suspended from duty. The Police Service of Northern Ireland received a number of queries from media outlets, and on 27th December confirmed a serving officer was currently suspended.

Request 2

The officer pleaded guilty to and was convicted of drink driving and other motoring offences. Can you confirm the officer is being subject to fast track dismissal procedures?

Answer

The Police Service of Northern Ireland can confirm the officer was subject to misconduct proceedings under Regulation 42 of the Police (Conduct) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Special Case).

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their discretion.

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