



Humberside Police
Corporate Development Branch
Information Compliance Unit
Priory Road
Kingston Upon Hull
HU5 5SF
Tel: +44 (1482) 578006
Fax: +44 (1482) 305002

Your Ref:
Our Ref: F-2013-00724

24 May, 2013

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000 Reference No: F-2013-00724

Thank you for your request for Information, received at this office on 25 April, 2013, in which you requested details of the following:

I would like the information to include, for each relevant year:

The number of murder investigations for which a conviction has not yet been achieved;

The date of the crime/date on which it was notified to the police;

The nature and circumstances of the crime;

The name and age of the victim;

Whether anyone was ever prosecuted for the murder;

Whether it remains under active investigation or not.

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

This response is unique to Humberside Police and you are advised not to compare this like for like with any other force's response you receive.

Humberside Police Response

Please find attached the relevant data.

Please note in respect of whether anyone was ever prosecuted for the murder or not, where this information has not been publicly acknowledged it has been redacted as it engages s40(2) of the Act.

As section 40(2) of the Act is an absolute exemption there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test (PIT) however I am certain to disclose the names of suspects or individuals tried at court would be neither fair nor lawful and thus breach the 1st principle of the Data Protection Act.

However we have provided as much relevant detail as possible without identifying a living individual.

In relation to whether any of these investigations are active, we have a cold case review process that continually reassesses the available information and forensic material in a case, and cases are reviewed depending on their viability and any new technology.

Chief Constable Ms J Curran Deputy Chief Constable D J Griffin QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support) A Leaver Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) S M Donald QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Officer (Support) P S Goatley BA (Hons), CPFA Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources) I Watson MBA, MSc, FCIPD
Web site: www.humberside.police.uk

File classification: NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED - NO DESCRIPTOR

In accordance with s17 of the Act this represents a refusal notice for your request.

Should you need to discuss this further please contact James Green, Information Compliance Officer on the above details.

Yours sincerely,

James Green
Information Compliance Officer

Chief Constable Ms J Curran *Deputy Chief Constable* D J Griffin QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support) A Leaver *Assistant Chief Constable (Operations)* S M Donald QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Officer (Support) P S Goatley BA (Hons), CPFA *Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources)* I Watson MBA, MSc, FCIPD
Web site: www.humberside.police.uk

File classification: NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED - NO DESCRIPTOR

Humberside Police – Freedom of Information Complaints Review Procedure

Why Have A Complaints Process?

Humberside Police is committed to delivering an open and transparent service whenever possible and it is our intention to commit to the principles of openness embodied in the Freedom of Information Act. We will release information to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest, however we may withhold information if we consider its release would cause significant harm.

If information within a document is withheld, it will be clearly marked to show where information has been removed and the legal exemption we have used. If we decline to supply all or part of any information you have asked for we will notify you in writing giving our reasons based upon legal exemptions contained within the Freedom of Information Act.

If you are not satisfied about the way in which your Freedom of Information request has been handled you have the right to appeal. This information has been designed to help you to understand how to complain to Humberside Police. Using this process will not affect your right to complain directly to the Information Commissioner if you feel we have not complied with our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

Who Can Complain?

Anyone who has made a Freedom of Information request in writing to the Force can complain. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with it, you can use the complaints process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to complain but cannot do so themselves, you can complain on their behalf but it will help us if you make it clear that you are doing so.

What Can I Complain About?

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, with the fee we have charged, or with the reasons we have given for refusing to provide information, you have the right to appeal. You can complain about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also complain about the way a request was handled, for example, the time it took to respond.

How Do I Complain?

To deal with your complaint as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the original request made and the reason for your complaint. Please put your complaint in writing and address it to:

FOI Appeals

[Humberside Police Information Compliance Unit](#)

Police Headquarters

Priory Road

Hull HU5 5SF

Chief Constable Ms J Curran *Deputy Chief Constable* D J Griffin QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support) A Leaver *Assistant Chief Constable (Operations)* S M Donald QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Officer (Support) P S Goatley BA (Hons), CPFA *Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources)* I Watson MBA, MSc, FCIPD
Web site: www.humberside.police.uk

What Happens To My Complaint?

Once we have enough details to identify the request, we will begin the review. The Head of The Information Compliance Unit will normally review your complaint. In the more complex cases a review panel consisting of a number of senior personnel from the Force will re-examine your complaint. We aim to complete the review process within 20 days of receiving your complaint. Upon completion we will send you the findings.

How Will I Be Notified?

Where we have not followed procedures or have failed to provide acceptable quality of service, we will apologise and explain what we will do to ensure this doesn't happen again. If our original decision to withhold information is over-turned on appeal we will send you the additional information immediately. If we believe that our original response was correct we will let you know, and inform you of your options (see below).

What If I'm Still Not Satisfied?

If we have been unable to resolve your complaint and you are not satisfied you can approach the office of the Information Commissioner, who may investigate the matter on your behalf. This option is open to you at all times, but we will endeavour to address your complaint initially, as this may lead to a speedier resolution. It is the Information Commissioner who decides whether to investigate or not. We will co-operate fully with the Information Commissioner.

If you have any further questions about the complaints process, please contact the Information Compliance Unit on 01482 317097 or alternatively you can write to:

Head of Information Compliance Unit
Humberside Police Headquarters
Priory Road
Hull HU5 5SF
Email: Informationcomplianceunit@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Requests for a review by the Information Commissioner should be made in writing directly to:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Chief Constable Ms J Curran Deputy Chief Constable D J Griffin QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support) A Leaver Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) S M Donald QPM, MA
Assistant Chief Officer (Support) P S Goatley BA (Hons), CPFA Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources) I Watson MBA, MSc, FCIPD
Web site: www.humberside.police.uk