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Dear Moka

***Request for information***

Thank you for your email dated 5 February 2020 requesting information on Police Disclosures. You requested:

- How many years can disclosures or any evidence involved in trial cases be held?
- Is there a time frame where any such related evidence is destroyed in regards to sentenced murder cases?

The creation, retention and disposal of public records and the timeframes for which they are held, is governed by Part 2 - Record Keeping Requirements, of the Public Records Act 2005.

Once trial case proceedings are completed (including any appeal period), the disposal of physical exhibits as part of the case is governed by Subpart 6, of the Search & Surveillance Act 2012.

At the completion of any appeal period and/or hearings, the file is transferred to Archives New Zealand, any disposal of such material, once in the possession of Archives New Zealand, is required to be authorised by the Chief Archivist.

The acts and sections mentioned above are publically available as an online reference. I trust that this information will be sufficient to answer your request – please let me know if further information is required.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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