



NEW ZEALAND
POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

19 April 2021

Marcus (FYI)

REF: IR-01-21-12484

Dear Marcus,

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 16 April 2021 in which you requested the following:

I am making an OIA request for information regarding the number of prosecutions of parents after an infant death in Aotearoa for the years of 2016 and 2017.

Specifically I would like to know how many prosecutions there were, whether it was the mother, father, or both who were prosecuted, and what the ethnicity of those prosecuted were.

In response to your request, Police does not produce statistics for 'infant deaths'. However, there were 6 victims of homicides, aged 5 and under, for the years 2016 and 2017, whose parent or step parent were found to be responsible for their deaths. All were prosecuted and the ethnicities of those offenders were European (2), Pacific Island (2), Maori (1) and Asian (1).

Police publishes statistics by age group not by individual ages.

The information were extracted from the annual Homicide Victims Report published on the Police website. The report will be updated later this year.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. Therefore, an anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

I trust this information is sufficient for your purposes. If you have any questions regarding this data, please feel free to contact data@police.govt.nz.

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If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Williams', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

Simon Williams MSt. (Cantab)
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