

Mr G Rzesniowiecki [Address]

30 August 2021

Dear Mr Rzesniowiecki.

## Request for information – [IR-01-21-25967]

Thank you for your information request of 24 August 2021. You requested:

- 1. Please provide the CCTV (closed-circuit television) video footage and (or with) timestamps of the Christchurch Terror attacker's vehicle along the route taken from the commencement point (industrial estate on Leslie Hill Drive) on to Mandeville St, then Blenheim Rd and to the Al Noor mosque on Deans Ave, onwards to Bealey Ave where the livestream cut out, the attacker's route to Linwood Mosque whatever route taken, the attacker's route away from Linwood Mosque to the point of capture in Brougham Street.
- 2. Where you refuse to provide the CCTV video footage, please provide screen captures with timestamps from each camera along the above-mentioned route of the attacker's vehicle as it proceeded from commencement to capture and arrest in Brougham St.
- 3. Please provide any other data or source information that confirms the attacker's route and associated timeline.
- 4. Please provide information as to the status of the other people arrested on 15 March 2019 in connection with the Christchurch Terror attack. Please provide information as to the locations these were arrested i.e. Harrow and Strickland Sts or elsewhere.
- 5. Please provide information about the white van in the cordoned off area in Strickland St. Please provide information as to whether it contained explosives or explosive devices as reported in the news media. Please provide information as to how it came to contain explosives and is connected to the Christchurch terror attack.
- 6. Please provide information that indicates that any of those arrested were connected to the White van in Strickland St.
- 7. Please provide information about a small Toyota vehicle licence plate FQH875 which left the scene of the Al Noor mosque attack during the shooting and seen (observed in a video from a news report of the day) both parked on the East side of Deans Ave south of Riccarton Rd intersection and also seen (observed in another video from a news media report which indicated the Deans Ave/Riccarton Rd intersection was controlled at that point by NZ police) driving

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north on Deans Ave to turn right (East) into Riccarton Rd with two people, the driver and a passenger in the front seat. Please provide any information as to whether these were apprehended, questioned or contacted by NZ Police.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

We have withheld the information you have requested for the following reason:

- Section 6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982: the release would be likely
  to prejudice the maintenance of law, including the prevention, investigation,
  and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.
- With reference to point two and three of your request: Section 18(c) applies
  in that the information requested is already publicly available.

Although criminal proceedings have been resolved, coronial proceedings are still pending. At the current point in time the Police file is in the process of being prepared for submission to the Chief Coroner's Office. The Chief Coroner has yet to decide whether an inquest will be held and if so what the scope of the inquest will be.

In order for the Chief Coroner to be able to make this determination, she will need to review the file as well as consult with the victims. Until the Chief Coroner is able to determine whether an inquest will be held and the scope of issues that may be subject to inquest, your request is declined.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. You can find more information here: http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint/complaining-about-access-to-official-information-551307291224432.

Yours sincerely,

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**Detective Senior Sergeant** 

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