



Southern District Commander

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REF: IR-01-21-33082 and IR-01-21-34941

Oscar

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Dear Oscar

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 November 2021 via the FYI website, in which you asked for information relating to three police officers in the Southland area.

You requested:

- IR-01-21-33082
  - *I request a copy of all documents involving the police investigation of the article linked below, including the findings and outcome. With any personal details redacted for privacy.*  
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2021/11/southern-district-police-officer-took-mdma-at-concert-and-another-officer-obtained-it-ipca-confirms.html>
- IR-01-21-34941
  - *I request in the matter of public interest, the full names and badge numbers of all police staff investigated for the use and/or possession of MDMA as referenced in the article below*  
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zeala...>

Your requests have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Your requests have been refused pursuant to the following provisions of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of individual persons.
- Section 9(2)(ba) - to protect information subject to an obligation of confidentiality where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information.
- Section 9(2)(g) - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between members of the Police in the course of their duty.
- Section 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Basham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Superintendent Paul Basham  
District Commander – Southern