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Dear Phillippa

***Request for information***

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act 1982 request of 15 March 2022, in which you wrote:

*Do the New Zealand police have any record of, or any information regarding any court attendance, court case, charges or conviction of Mr Clarke Timothy Gayford within the years of 2019 to 2022 inclusive. The following statement is from the Police in 2018 and was printed in The NZ Herald but Newshub have a false story saying Police gave that statement a few weeks ago*

*"on this occasion we can say that Mr Gayford is not and has not been the subject of any police inquiry, nor has he been charged in relation to any matter".*

*please dont refer me to newshub fake news story*

This request was originally transferred to the Ministry of Justice on 16 March 2022. After discussion with the office of the Ombudsman in August 2022, Police has reconsidered this approach.

I can advise Mr Gayford is not and has not been the subject of any police inquiry, nor has he been charged in relation to any matter.

I can also confirm Police did provide that statement to Newshub in March 2022 and the article did accurately quote Police in this case.

Yours sincerely



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Director – Ministerial Services  
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