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Dear Jaeger Sims

I refer to your email of 28 March 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information about arrests made by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Military Police.

The total number of arrests made by military police in New Zealand in the past year.

A breakdown of the types of offenses that resulted in these arrests.

The locations where these arrests took place.

I would appreciate it if you could provide any relevant documents or correspondence related to this request.

NZDF Military Police made eight arrests between 25 March 2022 and 28 March 2023. The below table sets out the location and charge for each arrest. Note that while the NZDF Military Police operate across NZDF Camps and Bases, all arrests between 25 March 2022 and 28 March 2023 occurred in relation to NZDF personnel based at Linton Army Camp. Two arrests are still under investigation. The reports related to the six completed investigations are enclosed with redactions in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of individuals.

Reference	Details	Offence type
202203260001	Linton Military Camp	Possession and use of controlled drugs
202205070002	Palmerston North	Drunkenness and being under the influence of drugs
202205210001	Linton Military Camp	Disobeying a lawful command
202206040002	Palmerston North	Wilful damage
202206050001	Palmerston North	Insubordinate behaviour
202207080003	Linton Military Camp	Theft or stealing
202302250001	Linton Military Camp	Offences in relation to driving a vehicle- ongoing investigation
202302250001-001	Linton Military Camp	Possession and use of controlled drugs- ongoing investigation

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. NZDF Military Police arrests – completed investigations 25 March 2022 to 28 March 2023