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Dear Kieva

**Request for information**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request (OIA) of 27 May 2024, in which you requested:

*Access to any documents related to the Aramoana Massacre*

Primary New Zealand Police Files on Operation Aramoana are not accessible to the public, as they have a 100-year restriction, making them public information in 2090.

However, there have been numerous publications written on Operation Aramoana. I believe the most honestly reflective of these are:

Bill O'Brien (1991): *Aramoana: Twenty Two Hours of Terror, The Police Inside Story*.  
Publisher: Penguin Books NZ. ISBN 0140168192, ISBN 9780140168198

Miles Singe & David Thomson (1992): *Authority To Protect: A Story of Policing Otago*  
Publisher PG Wiersma & Authors, pages 195 – 225

In addition, the New Zealand Police Museum has an online exhibition titled *He Toa Taumata Rau* which outlines the events of 13 November 1990, which can be accessed via the following link:  
[1990 - Operation Aramoana - mass murder | New Zealand Police](#)

I trust this information will be of use to you.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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