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Tēnā koe Percy

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 2 October 2024. You wrote:

*How many people have the Police charged with manslaughter, in the last 10 years, in the following circumstances.*

*The person charged (person A), was in proximity to the person who died (person B), where person B caused their own overdose without direct involvement of person A.*

*Please provide a reference to the specific cases.*

I am only aware of one incident which fits the criteria you have described. Information about that incident is publicly available on the Ministry of Justice website<sup>1</sup>.

To identify all such incidents is not possible as the information requested is not held by Police to the specific level you are interested in.

Police has initiated more than 230 proceedings for manslaughter since 1 July 2014<sup>2</sup> and the detailed information to identify the circumstances that you are interested in is not recorded.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held.

As part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.justice.govt.nz/jdo\\_documents/workspace\\_SpacesStore\\_538cbf24\\_38f9\\_4ef6\\_8791\\_9887f9131fe3.pdf](https://www.justice.govt.nz/jdo_documents/workspace_SpacesStore_538cbf24_38f9_4ef6_8791_9887f9131fe3.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/statistics-and-publications/data-and-statistics/proceedings-police-stations>

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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