

7th March 2016

Zane Collins

Dear Mr Collins

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982 : 16/889

I refer to your request on the 20th of January 2016 where you sought information pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. This request was originally made to the Ministry of Justice but has since been transferred to Police.

1. What is the required evidence or proof required to arrest a man who breached a protection order?
2. If a woman (victim) states that a man has called her and harassed her, would the police have the authority to arrest a man (violent person) without investigating or any evidence?

Your questions seek a response in the nature of advice to hypothetical situations.

Generating a response would require the creation of fresh information, and an agency is not required to create information in order to respond to a request. Therefore, your request is refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act the information is not held by Police.

However to assist your understanding of Police practice in relation to protection orders, I have attached the Protection and property-related orders chapter from the Police Manual.

If you have any queries pertaining to this request please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,


Detective Inspector David Greig
Prevention Manager: Harm Reduction
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