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Dear Mr Malloy

Thank you for your email dated 4 February 2016, requesting information about items confiscated from you during a recent visit to Spring Hill Corrections Facility (SHCF). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have alleged that items taken from you by Corrections staff at SHCF have not been processed appropriately and that you believe that there are no records of these items held by the Department.

I can advise the Department has records showing the items that were confiscated from you, and there is no evidence that there was any suspicious or dishonest behaviour committed by any member of staff. There is also documentation confirming that as you were in breach of departmental guidelines, you were issued with a visitor prohibition order for a period of three months as a result.

The documents held are:

- Evidence of the check point search on the day indicating the items were confiscated (Items listed)
- Copy of the visitor exclusion notice (behaviour and prohibited items in your possession). It is noted that you refused to sign that the items had been seized. This is noted on the document.
- Formal notification of your exclusion from prison property for a period of three (3) months with affect from 27 December 2015.

It is evident the staff did not attempt to conceal or misappropriate these items and it is worth noting that the facility has adequate signage regarding items that are considered to be prohibited.

Should you wish to obtain a copy of these documents, I suggest you send an email to [info@corrections.govt.nz](mailto:info@corrections.govt.nz) and the documents will be forwarded to you.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop that resembles the letter 'J' or 'L' with a flourish at the end.

Jeremy Lightfoot  
National Commissioner