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Dear Mr Goodwin

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2018 requesting information about homicide victims of paroled individuals. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You asked:

I'm seeking clarification around how many New Zealand citizens, residents and people visiting the country became homicide victims of paroled individuals between 1990 and 2018?

As you may be aware; New Zealand Police releases official statistics on crime victimisation and offending at www.policedata.nz. However, homicide statistics are not included in the monthly release of statistics on victims because homicide investigations typically take many months to investigate and finalise. The latest Police statistics on homicide victims in New Zealand are publically available at: http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/homicidevictims-report-2015.pdf.

Further information about the number of recorded offences for the latest calendar years (including homicide and related offences) is available on the Statistics New Zealand website at: http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/ Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE7405& ga=2.199263270.94844342.15 19332656-674383214.1519332656.

Corrections does not hold data about homicide victims to the level specified in your request. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by the department and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or agency.

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

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