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IR-01-18-2240

Dear Mr Lock

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 19 May 2018 for the following information:

*Has the New Zealand Police released any information in relation to the following press release to the New Zealand Police Association, whether it be by an official information act request or any other means?*

[http://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/drugs-guns-and-cash-found-te-atatu-property.?](http://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/drugs-guns-and-cash-found-te-atatu-property.)

*For clarity I have included the Police associations Presidents speech from February 2018 that details more accurate information in relation to the police's press release.*

<https://www.policeasn.org.nz/newsroom/publications/media-releases/police-association-president%E2%80%99s-speech-otago-university-firearms>

*"Te Atatu – officers called to a fight and property search revealed 4 AR15 firearms, 226 .223 calibre rounds, 148 .22 calibre rounds plus 2 kilos of meth and approximately \$2.65 million in cash"*

Police holds no records of releasing this information to the Police Association. Your request is therefore refused pursuant to s 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

Jason Smith  
Ministerial Services