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Tēnā koe

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 28 March 2024. You wrote:

*Please provide all incident reports from the period of January 2023 to March 2024 in which a police vehicle was stolen.*

*If, and only if, the scope of these incidents is too large, I am happy to it be limited to the Auckland and Bay of Plenty region only.*

You may be aware that one such incident occurred on 8 January 2024 as this was reported in the media. As this matter is now before the court, any further information about this is withheld under section 6(c) of the OIA as the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

No other incidents relevant to your request have been reported in that timeframe. However, please note, in cases when a police vehicle is taken and the alleged offender is stopped by police at the time or they crash and the vehicle is immediately recovered, it may be that the car does not get recorded as stolen.

Also, if other more serious offences are committed at the same time, the person may not also be charged for stealing the car, in line with the Solicitor-General's Prosecution Guidelines<sup>1</sup>.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Prosecution-Guidelines/ProsecutionGuidelines2013.pdf>

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Please note that 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.

Ngā mihi



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