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Dear Ms Ferguson

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your online request to Police of 2 February 2020, in which you ask for, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:

'1 - Please provide me with the NZ Police company policy regarding the collection & retention of CCTV collected with the intent to be used against an individual in a court of law.

2- Please explain a chain of custody? and/or if this is a requirement in regard to the collection of photographic images/data of an individual.

3- What company/organizational procedures and/or policies are in place to ensure the information and privacy of individuals NOT involved or targeted within an investigation is respected and not in any breach of any of the 12 privacy principles outlined in the Privacy Act 1993?

4- What efforts are made to ensure the collecting of only necessary images?'

I can advise that Police do not hold documentation that directly relates to parts 2 and 4 of your request, and it is therefore refused pursuant to Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982. Police are not required to create documentation for the purpose of responding to an information request, where this information doesn't already exist. You may wish to make a more specific request for information held by Police.

In relation to parts 1 and 3 of your request, please find attached a copy of the Police Manual Chapter relating to use of CCTV in public places (19 pages).

I also direct you to the Solicitor General's [Guidelines for Using Digital CCTV Evidence in Law Enforcement](https://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Prosecution-Guidelines/digital-cctv-evidence-guidelines.doc), which is available online at:
<https://www.crownlaw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Prosecution-Guidelines/digital-cctv-evidence-guidelines.doc>

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Olsson', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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