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Dear Mark,

I am writing in response to the email you submitted 1 June 2020. Your request has been considered pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically you requested:

I am interested in information about people who have been fatally shot by NZ Police. I have tried several times to find a list of fatal police shootings in New Zealand, but the closest I have been able to find has been several media features which are all now several years old.

Please release the following information, as far back as records allow:

- 1. For each incident notified to the IPCA in which a Police employee fatally shot someone:
 - a) The date of the shooting*
 - b) The name of the person who was killed**

I do not know if there has ever been a case in New Zealand during which a Police employee shot someone who then died, but in which the shooting was not their cause of death. If there have been any incidents such as these, I would appreciate if you could still include them with a note that being shot was not their cause of death.

New Zealand Police produces regular research reports, including biannual and annual Tactical Options Research reports that monitor tactical options deployment i.e., handcuffs, empty hand tactics (physical force), OC spray (pepper spray), baton, TASER, dogs, and firearms.

These reports are publically available at the following link on the Publications and statistics page of the New Zealand Police website, up until the 2018 calendar year. The report covering 2019 data is expected to be made available sometime in July.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/tactical-options-research-reports>

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In the interest of providing additional and useful information to you, the IPCA are totally independent and are headed by a Judge. They handle all complaints about Police misconduct, or neglect of duty, Police practices, policies and procedures.

They publish their findings on their webpage, to assist you I have included links to the reports on their investigations.

<https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/publications-and-media/2020-Reports-on-Investigations/>

<https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/Outcomes/Summaries-of-Police-investigations-overseen-by-the-IPCA.aspx>

The information requested is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 as it is publicly available.

I trust you are satisfied with my response to your request. If not, you have a right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to ask the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Brown', written in a cursive style.

Acting Superintendent Nicholas Brown
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