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Dear Ashley,

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 27 August 2021 for information relating to fleeing driver incidents.

Specifically, you requested:

Around December 2020 Police changed their pursuit policy. My questions in relation to this are:

- 1. For 2 years prior to the change, how many pursuits/fleeing driver incidents were there?*
- 2. Of these incidents, what percentage resulted in the driver being identified?*
- 3. Of these incidents, how many resulted in serious crashes?*
- 4. Since the change in policy, how many pursuit/fleeing driver incidents have there been?*
- 5. Of these incidents, what percentage resulted in the driver being identified?*
- 6. Of these incidents, how many resulted in serious crashes?*

Please see the table below. Data for the 2021 calendar year is supplied to the 31st of August.

Incidents of fleeing drivers are recorded in the Fleeing Driver Notification Database. A notification is completed after a fleeing driver event has ended, regardless of whether a pursuit occurred or not.

Information about the total number of offenders that were recorded as being identified when the fleeing driver notification was created has been included. Please note, this number includes incidents where the offender was known prior to the event or was identified following enquiries made shortly after the event concluded. It does not include offenders identified after the notification had been submitted and the investigation has commenced.

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I have also included the number of court proceedings for failing to stop offences in each year. Note, this does not include investigations that have not yet been resolved. This also includes offences dealt with by way of alternative resolutions.

Calendar Year	Fleeing Driver Notifications	Offenders Identified	Offenders Identified Percent	Court Proceedings	Court Proceedings Percent
2017	3796	2190	58%	2876	76%
2018	4095	2358	58%	3108	76%
2019	4863	2639	54%	3425	70%
2020	4846	2427	50%	3368	69%
2021	4287	1513	35%	1805	42%

Police also regularly publishes data about the number of recorded fleeing driver incidents, including how many of those resulted in crashes and serious injuries on our website. The latest information is available for download from: <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/road-policing-driver-offence-data-january-2009-march-2021>

I trust this answers your request. If you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decisions.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Steve Greally
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