

26th January 2015

Mr Comfrick

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Dear Mr Comfrick,

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 December 2014.

I note that your requests are for information relating to Police policy relating to actions that are to occur on the arrest of a member of the New Zealand Defence Force and also relating to the release of information collected from and about persons that have been arrested, and on what conditions this information may be released and to whom.

The Police manual has the following paragraph on the arrest of an armed forces staff member which states:

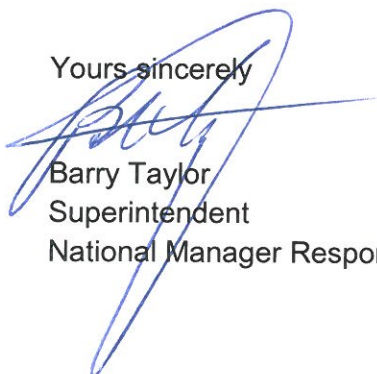
If you arrest or summons an armed forces staff member (except civilian members) advise the person's commanding officer or another responsible officer as soon as practical of:

- *the arrest and nature of the charge*
- *time and place of the hearing.*

Police do not have a specific policy that deals with the *release of personal information about arrested persons*. Police do collect a variety of personal information about arrested persons which is stored on Police systems, and the release of any such personal information to third parties is guided by the Privacy Act 1993, Official Information Act 1982 and the Criminal Disclosure Act 2008.

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



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