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Dear Liam

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 28 June 2023 in which you asked for information relating to an alleged theft at a motorcycle shop in Christchurch.

You wrote:

*Reported incident that occurred in Christchurch on 26 June 2023 at around 3.00 pm. This incident, as reported by media, involved an alleged theft at a motorcycle shop, during which local individuals performed what was described as a citizen's arrest. The incident was later reported in the New Zealand Herald:
<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/christchurch-police-tell-tradies-to-let-robber-go-after-citizens-arrest/L565EJI35FFFNOVYO2VD4WWMPE/>*

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request. My response to each of your questions are below.

The number of police officers in the Christchurch area who were on duty at the time of the aforementioned incident.

There were 48 police officers on duty at that time in the Christchurch area. This included Public Safety Team members, Road Policing, Criminal Investigation Branch, Neighbourhood Policing Team and Community Liaison Officers.

All officers are available to be deployed to where our communities need us.

How many of these officers were carrying out duties specifically related to traffic law enforcement during the same period.

Six police officers were working on traffic duties.

At the time that the call came in with regards to a shoplifter being apprehended by citizens, there were 53 urgent incidents in the system. 15 of these were family harm incidents which were triaged as being high priority. Police must prioritise cases where life or safety is at risk.

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You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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