

31 October 2023

Anna CHIN  
fyi-request-24470-c9a57033@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Anna

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 19 October 2023 in which you asked for information relating to the Ranfurly Shield.

My response to each of your questions are below.

*Has NZ Police been requested to test for drug use on the Ranfurly Shield.  
Did the police undertake their own investigation.*

Police has not received a request to test for drug use on the Ranfurly Shield and are not investigating any incidents relating to the Ranfurly Shield.

*Please provide all test results and what if any tests were undertaken.*

This portion of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

*Please provide all correspondence between NZ Police with NZ Rugby and Hawke's Bay Rugby Union on the Ranfurly Shield or drug tests relating to it.*

Police has not had any correspondence with the NZ Rugby Union or HB Rugby Union, but has had communication with a third party, attached for your reference.

Some information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, as withholding the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. Police considers that the interest requiring protection by withholding the information is not outweighed by any public interest in its release.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request. You can find more information [here](#).

Yours sincerely

**Sonia Bauerfeind**

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## BAUERFEIND, Sonia

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**From:** SYCAMORE, Lincoln  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 October 2023 6:53 AM  
**To:** BAUERFEIND, Sonia  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Incident Sat 30 Sep/1 Oct

Final email of a total of 2 emails

Kind regards,  
Lincoln

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Please forgive brevity. Sent from my phone.

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**From:** SYCAMORE, Lincoln <Lincoln.Sycamore@police.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 8:17 AM  
**To:** █  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Incident Sat 30 Sep/1 Oct

Welcome mate.

Ngā mihi | Kind Regards

Lincoln



**Lincoln Sycamore**  
Area Commander | Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay | Eastern District  
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**From:** █  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 October 2023 10:16 AM  
**To:** SYCAMORE, Lincoln <Lincoln.Sycamore@police.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Traffic Incident Sat 30 Sep/1 Oct

Thank you Lincoln, that closes off another rabbit hole for me, so is very much appreciated.

Regards

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**From:** SYCAMORE, Lincoln <[Lincoln.Sycamore@police.govt.nz](mailto:Lincoln.Sycamore@police.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023 10:15 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Traffic Incident Sat 30 Sep/1 Oct

Hi [REDACTED]

I can confirm that Police staff attending did not see the shield at the scene, nor were Police advised by anyone that it was or had been involved in the crash.

My phone number below if required.

Ngā mihi | Kind Regards

Lincoln



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:37:09 PM  
**To:** SMITH, Alexander <[Alexander.Smith2@police.govt.nz](mailto:Alexander.Smith2@police.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Traffic Incident Sat 30 Sep/1 Oct

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Good Afternoon Alex,

By way of introduction I am [REDACTED] I have been engaged by the New Zealand Rugby Union [NZRU] to investigate the circumstance on how the Ranfurly Shield got broken and to report back to them. The NZRU have received an anonymous call, alleging that the shield was in the vehicle involved in a DIC car crash on the same night and driven by a Hawkes Bay player.

I have spoken with the player involved [REDACTED] who has advised me you were the attending officer.

To assist with my/NZRU investigation it would be very useful if you could advise me if you or any other attending officer saw the Ranfurly Shield [or were advised that the Ranfurly Shield was in the car or vicinity of the accident] on that night.

If it was, would you be agreeable to speaking with me future.

Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Should you need to confirm my authority then the NZRU Contact perso [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Regards

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