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Kia Ora Joshua

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 26 October 2023 in which you sought information relating to theft ex shops in Hamilton.

You requested the following:

1. *Any correspondence from Inspector Bruce Bird in relation to the investigation and resource management on theft ex shop cases.*
2. *Any memorandum from Bruce Bird to Hamilton Police staff in relation to theft ex shop cases.*
3. *Any recent (within the last 3 months) orders, memorandums or correspondence relating to Hamilton Police's handling of Theft ex Shop cases.*
4. *Any correspondence or memorandum to the Hamilton file management centre in relation to theft ex shop cases.*

Following consultation with Waikato District Commander Superintendent Bruce Bird, I can advise that no correspondence or memorandums exist in relation to theft ex shop cases within Hamilton. Therefore, your request is refused pursuant to s18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

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.

Ngā mihi

Sergeant Kushla Dunning
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