



22nd February 2018

Dear Mr Lock

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your request dated 11/12/17 in which you requested additional information about a search warrant carried out by NZ Police of a firearms dealer during a search warrant in Auckland.

The file no relating to the complaint is 160907/5594.

This is in addition to the letter sent to you dated 11/12/18 explaining that the matter was an employment matter and some information was being withheld.

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

I will attempt to answer all your specific questions in line with the investigation I have undertaken.

1. *How many firearms were seized by New Zealand Police?* **4 firearms were seized, a shotgun and 3 restricted weapons which were located within an unsecured safe, these were later returned once storage arrangements were brought up to acceptable standards.**
2. *Were any seized firearms left unattended at any time by the NZ Police at the location where the search warrant was executed including but not limited to: Any buildings, including residential, public or commercial buildings, any out buildings such as wood sheds, garages. At any location within the confines of the area stated in the search warrant, including lawn areas, gardens, deck areas, driveways, any right of ways and any curtilage area on the property as stated in the search warrant?* **No, the investigation found no evidence of any firearms or firearm parts left on the property.**
3. *Were any instructions given by NZ Police to any members of the public to deliver any firearms to another location?* **No, NZ Police did move some firearms to a second approved address however no member of the public was involved in this.**
4. *If any firearms were left unattended by NZ Police, how long were they left unattended?* **No firearms were left unattended.**
5. *If any firearms were left unattended by the NZ Police, how was the NZ Police notified that there were unattended seized firearms?* **The investigation found no evidence that firearms were left unattended.**

Numerous Police officers were interviewed in relation to this allegation and all refute the assertion that firearms were left behind, if there are any photographs to prove this allegation I am happy to follow it up.

if you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Osbourne', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Mark Osbourne

Detective Sergeant

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