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Dear G Christian

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 15/07/2013 received by email in which you requested:

"In the interest of public safety can I have a list of addresses going back to Jan 1 2008 that the NZ Police conducted raids on that were found to contain "P Labs" or were used for the manufacture of Methamphetamine.[sic]

Broken down on the list the number of arrests that were made at the property at the time or following the raid.

In the event that the property was found to contain a "P Lab" and then raided at multiple dates, I would like the dates of those raids included as well."

Your request for a list of addresses where Police have located clandestine laboratories since 1 January 2008 is refused pursuant to Section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased natural persons.

When Police identify an address where a clandestine laboratory is present or has been used, specialist Police staff attend the address to safely dismantle the lab and also advise the local Council(s), property owner and any tenants of the discovery so that they can undertake appropriate action.

Your request for the number of arrests made at the time of or following the discovery of a clandestine laboratory is refused pursuant to Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 because the information requested is not held.

Although Police may record the names of people associated with an address where a lab is found or has been used, the information recorded does not indicate whether they were arrested or charged or if they were convicted of any charges related to the lab.

Your request for dates where a property has been attended on multiple occasions is refused pursuant to Sections 9(2)(a) and 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research and even if it could be collated would be refused to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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 faithfully



R T Drew
Detective Superintendent
National Manager Criminal Investigations
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