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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

"1. Statistics re lost or stolen police equipment including electronic equipment, police vehicles, firearms, weapons, ammunition, identification (such as badges), capsicum spray, clothing (ie. Bulletproof vests, equipment belts), handcuffs, and batons.). 2. NSW Police reports including AV material such as footage relating to the theft/damage of either police vehicles or firearms. Please proceed on this basis. Timeframe: From 1 January 2023 to the date this application is validated.

On 27 August 2024 you further clarified your request as follows:

"Please note there's a typo here. Please substitute NSW to SA."

In relation to part 1 of your request

"1. Statistics re lost or stolen police equipment including electronic equipment, police vehicles, firearms, weapons, ammunition, identification (such as badges), capsicum spray, clothing (ie. Bulletproof vests, equipment belts), handcuffs, and batons.)"

All SAPOL equipment that is lost or stolen should have a Property Damage, Loss, or Stolen Report (PD98) completed. Once processed, these reports are stored in the Total Records Information Management (TRIM) system. The TRIM search function relies on keywords, specifically those entered in the container or document title field, such as PD98. This search function cannot locate documents outside of these keyword searches.

Although SAPOL records and stores this data within its systems, keyword searches may not reliably and comprehensively retrieve all relevant data for your request given the data is manually entered and reliant on the word 'PD98' being included in the metadata.



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Similarly, the SHIELD crime and incident reporting system is unable to be reliably interrogated as the results are dependant on the many different variables available when entering data.

Despite efforts to find ways to provide the requested information, the data is not readily available, and our systems cannot produce a document that meets your requirements.

In relation to part 2 of your request

“2. NSW Police reports including AV material such as footage relating to the theft/damage of either police vehicles or firearms. Please proceed on this basis. Timeframe: From 1 January 2023 to the date this application is validated”.

On 24 September 2024 you further clarified that you required documents relating to malicious damage within South Australia only.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located documents that fall within the scope of your request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23.

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No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	List of reports of malicious damage to SAPOL Vehicles 01 January 2023 to 27 August 2024	Full Release		
2	3 x Photographs relating to Doc 27 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400186743			
3	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2200186430			
4	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2200288823	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED]
5	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300006867			
			Out of Scope	The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information. I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information. A portion of text within certain documents has been redacted

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				and marked Out of Scope as it does not fall within the scope of your request.
6	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300016634	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
7	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300059588	Full Release		
8	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300072352	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than ⁶⁽²⁾[REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
9	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300105052	Full Release		
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10	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300116555	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].
11	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300119360			

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12	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300141570			<p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
13	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300169846	Full Release		
14	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300185637			
15	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300290577	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
16	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300312370	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p>
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17	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300334196	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p>
18	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400040088			<p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
19	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400058120	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>

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20	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400060031	Part Release	Clauses: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED]</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
			4(1)(b)	<p>A portion of the redacted text forms part of the allegations and/or evidence relating to the alleged offending.</p> <p>Release of the information contained within the document could reasonably be expected to impede the administration of justice generally or for an individual, including procedural fairness and could be used to interfere with the adversarial process. This process is administered by a Prosecution Unit and includes disclosure responsibilities in accordance with Magistrates Court Joint Criminal Rules until a judgement or decision is reached at the completion of any trial or at any other point within the adversarial process. I have formed the view</p>

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				that this document is exempt from disclosure.
21	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496	Part Release	Clauses: 6(1)	A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].
22	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400103406			Out of Scope
23	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400106698	Full Release		
24	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400114908	Part Release	Clauses: 6(1)	<p>The redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
25	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400128094	Part Release	Clause: 4(1)(b)	A portion of the text contained within the document forms part

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			6(1)	<p>of the allegations and/or evidence relating to the alleged offending.</p> <p>Release of the information contained within the document could reasonably be expected to impede the administration of justice generally or for an individual, including procedural fairness and could be used to interfere with the adversarial process. This process is administered by a Prosecution Unit and includes disclosure responsibilities in accordance with Magistrates Court Joint Criminal Rules until a judgement or decision is reached at the completion of any trial or at any other point within the adversarial process. I have formed the view that this document is exempt from disclosure.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED]</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
			Out of Scope	<p>A portion of text within certain documents has been redacted and marked Out of Scope as it does not fall within the scope of your request.</p>

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26	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP24001385053	Part Release	<p>Clauses: 4(2)(a)(iii)</p> <p>4(2)(b)</p> <p>6(1)</p>	<p>A portion of the text has been redacted as disclosure may be prejudicial to SAPOL's methodology for assessing, allocating a risk level and implementing an appropriate strategy for resolution of an incident to ensure the protection or persons or property.</p> <p>The public have an expectation of transparency of an agency's functions. An applicant also has a right to information relating to themselves or in this case an incident they have an involvement or interest in. Police make operational decisions based on individual situations they are faced with reliant on specialist training in order to protect people and property. The release of this training, their methodology and decision making could lead to manipulation of situations and information to intentionally mislead the Police in their decision making. On balance it is not in the public interest to release this information.</p> <p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED]</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to</p>

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				protect the person's privacy and personal information.
27	SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400186743	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>A portion of the redacted text relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses personal particulars such as names, addresses, date of births, relationship details and other identifying information.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
28	South Australian Communication Aided Dispatch (SACAD) report No. P24052401749 (No photographs exist)	Full Release		
29	1 x Photograph relating to Doc 3 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2200186430	Full Release		
30	1 x Photograph relating to Doc 4 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2200288823			
31	3 x Photographs relating to Doc 5 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300006867	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The redacted image relates the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses an image of identification of persons involved in the occurrence.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any such information is unreasonable given the need to</p>

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				protect the person's privacy and personal information.
32	3 x Photographs relating to Doc 6 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300016634	Full Release		
33	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 7 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300059588			
34	7 x Photographs relating to Doc 8 SAP2300072352			
35	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 9 SAP2300105052			
36	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 10 SAP2300116555			
37	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 11 SAP2300119360			
38	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 12 SAP2300141570			
39	1 x Photographs relating to Doc 13 SAP2300169846			
40	3 x Photograph relating to Doc 14 SAP2300185637			
41	5 x Photographs relating to Doc 16 SAP2300312370			
42	1 x Photograph relating to Doc 17 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2300334196			
43	6 x Photographs relating Doc 18 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400040088			

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44	1 x Photographs relating to Doc 19 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400058120			
45	5 x Photographs relating to Doc 20 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400060031	Access Refused	Clauses: 4(1)(b)	<p>The photographs form part of the allegations and/or evidence relating to the alleged offending.</p> <p>Release of the photographs could reasonably be expected to impede the administration of justice generally or for an individual, including procedural fairness and could be used to interfere with the adversarial process. This process is administered by a Prosecution Unit and includes disclosure responsibilities in accordance with Magistrates Court Joint Criminal Rules until a judgement or decision is reached at the completion of any trial or at any other point within the adversarial process. I have formed the view that the photographs are exempt from disclosure.</p>
46	18 x Photographs relating to Doc 21 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496	Full Release		
47	2 x Photographs relating to Doc 22 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400103406			
48	1 x Photograph relating to Doc 23 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400106698			
49	5 x Photograph relating Doc 24 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400114908			

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50	30 x Photographs (Including CCTV Stills) relating to Doc 25 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400128094	Access Refused	Clauses: 4(1)(b)	<p>The photographs form part of the allegations and/or evidence relating to the alleged offending.</p> <p>Release of the photographs could reasonably be expected to impede the administration of justice generally or for an individual, including procedural fairness and could be used to interfere with the adversarial process. This process is administered by a Prosecution Unit and includes disclosure responsibilities in accordance with Magistrates Court Joint Criminal Rules until a judgement or decision is reached at the completion of any trial or at any other point within the adversarial process. I have formed the view that the photographs are exempt from disclosure.</p>
51	2 x Photographs relating Doc 26 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP24001385053	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The photograph contains an image which relates to the personal affairs of a third party other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses an image of identification of a person involved in the occurrence.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any images is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
52	CCTV Footage – Clip 1 of 1 relating to Doc 16 SAP2300312370	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The CCTV contains images which relate to the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses images of identification of</p>

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				<p>persons involved in the occurrence.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any images is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>
53	CCTV footage - Clip 1 of 2 relating to Doc 20 SAP2400060031	Access Refused	Clauses: 4(1)(b)	The CCTV footage forms part of the allegations and/or evidence relating to the alleged offending.
54	CCTV footage – Clip 2 of 2 relating to Doc 20 SAP2400060031			<p>Release of the CCTV could reasonably be expected to impede the administration of justice generally or for an individual, including procedural fairness and could be used to interfere with the adversarial process.</p> <p>This process is administered by a Prosecution Unit and includes disclosure responsibilities in accordance with Magistrates Court Joint Criminal Rules until a judgement or decision is reached at the completion of any trial or at any other point within the adversarial process. I have formed the view that the photographs are exempt from disclosure.</p>
55	Body Worn Video (BWV) Footage Clip 1 of 2 / Police Officer PD76681 relating to Doc 21 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	<p>The BWV contains images and audio which relate to the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].</p> <p>The information discloses images and audio of identification of persons involved in the occurrence.</p> <p>I am of the view that disclosure of any images is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.</p>

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56	BWV Footage Clip 2 of 2 / Police Officer PD76681 relating to Doc 21 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496	Full Release		
57	BWV Footage Clip 1 of 1 / Police Officer PD11937 relating to Doc 21 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496	Part Release	Clause: 6(1)	The BWV contains images and audio which relate to the personal affairs of third parties other than [REDACTED].
58	BWV Footage Clip 1 of 1 / Police Officer PD73625 relating to Doc 21 SHIELD Occurrence Report No. SAP2400093496			The information discloses images and audio of identification of persons involved in the occurrence. I am of the view that disclosure of any images is unreasonable given the need to protect the person's privacy and personal information.
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<p>Clause 4(1)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states: <i>"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the fair trial of any person or the impartial adjudication of any case"</i></p> <p>Clause 4(2)(a)(iii) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states: <i>"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law (including any revenue law)."</i></p> <p>Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states: <i>"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest."</i></p> <p>Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states: <i>"A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)."</i></p>				

Please note; enquiries were made with firearms branch and the police armory who provided the information that there are no reports relating to the theft/damage of SAPOL firearms during the period of your request.

Your rights to review

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If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form, which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively, an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 (calendar) days after you receive this letter with a fee of \$42.00, if applicable.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log.

A copy of PC045 can be found at:

https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 27 December 2024.

Yours sincerely



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22 November 2024