



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
**SAFER COMMUNITIES**



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Dear 

**Re: Freedom of Information Act application – Letter of Notice**

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

*“A list of reported knife crimes in SA in the last 3 years (2021 to present), committed by people aged 15, 16 and 17 years old. - Broken down into date - Location - incident - age of offender - outcome (if possible)”*

On 4 November 2024, I wrote to your office and advised that the database used to extract the weapons statistics does not have a direct correlation between the type of weapon, the offence and the person in possession of it. The type of weapon value is stored in the database against the Occurrence Report itself, indicating that a weapon was used in the incident/event, however, as there may be multiple persons listed against the Occurrence and multiple offences, SAPOL is not able to determine which person actually had possession of the weapon without manually reading through each incident report and collating the data.

On 4 November 2024, with your agreement, the scope was amended to *“the number of crimes involving a knife or bladed weapon in SA in the last 3 years (2021 – present) broken down into date, location and offence type.”* It is acknowledged that you made a further enquiry with regards to this scope to ascertain if it could be broken down to specify those offences which were committed by youths, either 15-17 years or even under 18 years. Unfortunately, as communicated to you and for reasons outlined above, the age of the offenders cannot be acquired.



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

SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE		
No.	Document Description	Status
1	Knife crime reports - 1 Jan 2021 to 30 Oct 2024	Full Release

**Disclosure Log**

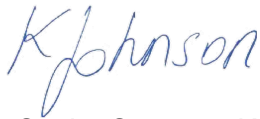
In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log.

A copy of PC045 can be found at:

[https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf](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 16 December 2024.

Yours sincerely



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**Freedom of Information Unit**  
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

11 November 2024