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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 161

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th February 2021 concerning Wiltshire Police Media appearances.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and having consulted our head of media services I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

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I would like to know;

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Production Company

Policing Unit(s)/Investigation(s)/Operation(s) followed

Status of Unit (active/disbanded/reformed/reorganized)

I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with Wiltshire Police - are they encouraged? If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously?



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Our response:

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Title	Production Company	Channel	Dates
999 What's Your Emergency? Series 4	Blast Productions	Channel 4	Filming 2018 and aired throughout 2019
The Parachute Murder Plot	Optomen TV	ITV	Oct 2018
Critical Incident	Reef TV	BBC One	Filmed March 2019 and aired in June 2019
Code Zero	Reef TV	Channel 5	May 2019
A Confession (drama)	ITV Studios	ITV	September 2019
The Salisbury Poisonings (drama)	Dancing Ledge Productions	BBC One	June 2020
Britain's Deadliest Kids	Crack Productions	Quest Red	October 2020
Murder At My Door		Crime Investigation and channel	November 2020

I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with Wiltshire Police - are they encouraged? **Each documentary or filming bid is considered on its merit and final decision as to whether we participate lies with the OPCC and Chief Constable. Due to the COVID pandemic, we are not currently facilitating any bids.**

If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? **No.**

If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously? **As per above due to the COVID situation.**

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I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and I apologise for the delay in answering your request.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Merritt
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk