

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 720

Reply contact name is: Kerry Merritt

Dear ****,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th September 2021 concerning Women Killed by Men.

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 Major Crime Team I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please could you provide a list of all cases in which a woman has been killed by a man recorded by your force in the past 3 years, starting January 2018 and ending September 2021.

In addition, please could you provide the name of the victim if possible, the way in which they were killed, the date the femicide was committed and a note as to whether an individual has been held accountable by being charged and/or prosecuted.

Clarification sought from applicant:

I am indeed looking at instances of femicide but as you said, this term can be interpreted differently, and so to be specific, I am looking for instances where a woman has been killed by a man. This includes a man deliberately murdering a woman, but also the death of a woman as a result of assault or injuries inflicted by a man. Not, for example, a woman who was killed in a car accident by a male driver.

Our response:

- Eleanor GOULD – Occurrence 03/05/19 – Stabbed – Male prosecuted & sentenced to imprisonment
- Aneta & Nikoleta ZDUN – Occurrence 01/06/20 – Stabbed – Male prosecuted & sentenced to imprisonment



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Please note: I have been advised by our Major Crime Team that the actual definition of femicide is 'the killing of a woman/girl by a man and on account of her gender' which isn't really the case for any of these as they were not killed on account of their gender. However, the applicant is asking for instances where women have been killed by men.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk