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Official Information Act request: Arrest warrants

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2023, to New Zealand Police, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about arrest warrants in Rotorua and Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty.

On 6 November 2023, your request was partially transferred to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) for response in accordance with section 14 of the Act:

1. *How many people during (November 1 2022 to November 1 2023) in Rotorua have had warrants out for their arrest? Please provide a monthly breakdown of the warrants in Rotorua (eg, November 2022 - 12, December 22 - 18, etc).*
2. *How many people during (November 1 2022 to November 1 2023) in Tauranga/Western Bay have had warrants out for their arrest? Please provide a monthly breakdown of the warrants in Tauranga/Western Bay (eg, November 2022 - 12, December 22 - 18, etc).*

In response of your request, please refer to Table 1 which outlines the number of active warrants in Bay of Plenty and Rotorua, broken down by month from 31 October 2022 – 31 October 2023. This information has been released in full to you.

If you require any further information, please contact Ministry of Justice Media and Social Media Manager, Joe Locke, at media@justice.govt.nz. Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone at 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Table 1: Active warrants in Rotorua and Bay of Plenty Justice Service Area, from 31 October 2022 – 31 October 2023

| | Oct 22 | Nov 22 | Dec 23 | Jan 23 | Feb 23 | Mar 23 | Apr 23 | May 23 | June 23 | July 23 | Aug 23 | Sep 23 | Oct 2023 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Rotorua | 244 | 245 | 235 | 236 | 246 | 265 | 258 | 257 | 256 | 226 | 229 | 242 | 244 |
| Bay of Plenty | 369 | 378 | 375 | 393 | 391 | 448 | 430 | 403 | 408 | 387 | 372 | 384 | 376 |

Notes for table 1:

- Data is based on warrants to arrest issued in criminal courts since 1 January 2004 to 31 October 2023 that were active at the respective dates.
- The Ministry of Justice collates data at the end of each month, not on the first day of each month.
- An active warrant is based on if the warrant was issued and had not been executed or withdrawn before the end of each month.
- Justice service areas are geographical groupings of individual court locations for administrative purposes. Court location and Justice Service Area is based off where the warrant was issued.
- Bay of Plenty Justice Service Area includes: Ōpōtiki, Tauranga, Waihi and Whakatāne
- Changes in data collection and storage systems adversely affect the trends across the years and months.
- Information provided in this response is derived from records in the Court's Case Management System (CMS). CMS is not automatically notified if a person is deceased or has left the country.
- This data includes District Court, and Youth Court - there are no active warrants for the High Court in these areas.