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Official Information Act request: Drink driving convictions

Thank you for email of 6 July 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information on drink driving convictions. Specifically, you have requested:

“...information on the person who has the most recorded drink driving convictions in New Zealand.

The information should include a list of each conviction date, court location and end sentence.

I would also seek to apply for the specific court file of this person so if possible the name or a CRN would be much appreciated.”

The Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) does not hold the requested information. This information is court information, which falls outside the scope of the Act according to section 2(6)(a). Specific search rules govern access to information held by courts about court proceedings. Further information is available on the Ministry’s website: [justice.govt.nz/about/news-and-media/media-centre/media-information/media-guide-for-reporting-the-courts-and-tribunals-edition-4-1/access-to-court-information/court-v-moj-information/](https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/news-and-media/media-centre/media-information/media-guide-for-reporting-the-courts-and-tribunals-edition-4-1/access-to-court-information/court-v-moj-information/).

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the Ministry does not hold the information requested, nor are there grounds for believing the information is held by another department that is subject to the Act.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to complain to the Ombudsman about my response. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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