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Our reference: FOI_2023.0685
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Date: 28/07/2023

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0685

On 03/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has distributed an Interpol list to all forces containing a list of names of customers of Kenneth Law.

Mr Law was a seller of sodium nitrite and was based in Canada. Sodium nitrite was being used by suicidal people to end their lives,

I would like to know:

- How many names were provided to your force?
- How many of those people were subsequently found to have died?

To be clear, I only want two numbers - one number in relation to the amount of names, the other number in relation to the amount of deceased. I want no other details.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon s17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Gloucestershire Constabulary can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested, as the duty in s1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply. To give a statement of the reasons why neither confirming nor denying is appropriate in this case would itself involve disclosure of exempt information, therefore no

explanation can be given by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) Information relating to the Security bodies

Section 40(5) Personal Information

Sections 23 and 40 are absolute, class-based exemptions and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test.

Please be aware that information released under the Freedom of Information Act is considered a release in the widest sense (that is, a release to the world) and the release of this information, including either confirming or denying whether or not it is held, would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

No inference can be drawn from these facts that any information does or does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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