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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000235-2021 Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1st July, 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency "*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters*". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

Information sought:

- (1) Records created between 1 January 2019 to the date of this request, relating to the disposal by the Drogheda district of An Garda Síochána or its agents , of bicycles recovered as stolen or missing, but unclaimed, in financial year 2019, including written procedures, means of sale, gross disposal proceeds, costs deducted.*

I wish to advise that I have made a decision to part-grant your request on the 28th July, 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section and Drogheda District Office within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request.

I am advised that in 2019 there were 15 bicycles sent from Drogheda Garda Station to Wilsons Auctions for public auction. The bicycles were mainly unclaimed property from "Property Found" incidents. A Police Property Application was made for all 15 bicycles at Drogheda District Court.

There is no specific financial item code in existence on the Financial Management System (FMS) within the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána specifically relating to receipts for items sold at Garda Auctions. An examination of receipts from Wilsons Auctions does not provide a breakdown of individual items sold. It is therefore not possible to identify the amount of money received from the auctions of bicycles sold on behalf of An Garda Síochána.

Therefore, I am refusing the element of your request seeking *gross disposal proceeds*, and *costs deducted* under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act wherein it states:

"Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an internal review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000235-2021**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DR90.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000235-2021 is included in the payment details.


You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

27th JULY, 2021.