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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000333-2018 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 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:

- *Records, created after 1 January 2018, related to the participation by An Garda Síochána in the RTE television programme “Crimecall”*
- *I am specifically interested in records which will show the extent of the provision of manpower, facilities and any financial contribution by AGS to RTE and/or the independent production companies which produce the programme, Green Inc Film & Television/ 360 Production South Post and Graphics.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.**

Details of your request was forwarded to the Finance Directorate, and the Community Relations Office of An Garda Síochána. Following a search in both of the offices outlined above, I am to advise you that no records have been identified in respect of your request.

In this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

*15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

However, in order to assist you with your request I can advise that the staffing levels at the Garda Crimecall Office are (1) Sergeant and (1) Garda. These members support RTE and the production companies with regard to the production of Crimecall each month.

On average, ten members of An Garda Síochána are utilised to make presentations on the day of broadcast, in addition members of An Garda Síochána are required to form part of a call takers panel, totalling nine. In terms of the filmed items which is a total of five segments necessitating the participation of a maximum five members, varying in rank.

Since January 2018 six Crimecall programmes have been broadcast. These programmes consisted of on average twenty crime and public awareness appeals per broadcast. (It should be noted each programme is dictated by content and may vary accordingly). Therefore, on the day of broadcast members from these investigations and Garda presenters from a panel are utilised.

## **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-000333-2018**.

**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:** Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

**Account Number:** 10026896

**Sort Code:** 900017

**IBAN:** IE86BOFI90001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number 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](http://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,

  
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**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

03 SEPTEMBER, 2018