

24 August 2018

Our Reference: IR-01-18-6755

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 22 July 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and was a follow up to a previous response. On 6 July 2018, you sent Police these two pictures.



You requested to know why the firearm was not returned to its registered owner and whether the firearm described in the news article was the model pictured in the second picture. You received a response (reference [REDACTED]), to which you responded with:

- *What are you talking about.*
- *Police prepare the case for the prosecution yes?*
- *Was that the type of gun?*
- *Was it imported legally?*

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While the picture you provided appears to be an SP5K firearm and the news article you have clipped describes an SP5K semi-automatic handgun, police did not locate an SP5K firearm in this case. The case that was heard before the court related to a .22 rifle, a 7.62mm SKS semi-automatic rifle, a .22 pistol, and ammunition for the rifles.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Superintendent  
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