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15 July 2022

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### ***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 2 June 2022. You requested:

- A list of incidents police were called to involving a discharge of a firearm in Auckland (including Counties Manukau, Waitemata and Auckland City districts) from January 1, 2022, to date, broken down in a table by date, street name and suburb.*
- We are requesting this information to produce a graphic of shootings in Auckland and have worded the request to hopefully make it easy for police to produce.*
- For clarity, incidents involving the discharge of a firearm include assaults with a firearm, alleged homicides involving a firearm, and particularly offences under sections 198, 198A and 198B of the Crimes Act. Our preference is for the nature of the firearms incident to be specified but if this is not possible, a simple list of all firearms incidents would suffice.*
- A sample table row follows.*

ALLEGED OFFENCE	DATE	STREET	SUBURB
Crimes Act S198 Discharging firearm	2/6/2022	Boundary Rd	Papakura

When an event takes place (known as an occurrence), it may have multiple offences attributed to it (eg, assault and theft).

Police considers firearms-related offences to be any offences in the Arms Act 1983 or any other offences that specify a firearm was involved (eg, homicide with a firearm).

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However, as you specified "shootings", I have limited this response to only offences that specify a firearm was involved and a selection of Arms Act 1983 offences that pertain to a firearm being present (eg, present a firearm at a person). This does not necessarily mean the firearm was discharged during each occurrence or that someone was injured. Some of these certainly involve discharge of a firearm (such as murder with a firearm, discharge of a firearm, wound with a firearm), but for others it's not definite (such as, burglary with a firearm or behave threateningly with a firearm).

Table 1 shows the number of occurrences with such offences that were recorded by Police and took place in the three Tāmaki Makaurau Police Districts between 1 January 2022 and 26 June 2022.

*Table 1. Offences with a firearm between 1 January 2022 and 26 June 2022, in Tāmaki Makaurau, by month.*

Month	Occurrences with a firearm offence in TM districts
January 2022	54
February 2022	37
March 2022	76
April 2022	48
May 2022	109
June 2022 to 26th	44
Total	368

The descriptions of the offences considered in this response are appended at the end of this letter in Table 2.

To identify whether a 'shooting' was part of each occurrence described above would require Police to review each individual case and make an assessment which would require substantial collation. Consequently, this portion of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the OIA.

Furthermore, providing information in the requested format (ie, by street name and date) would likely compromise the privacy of the individuals concerned, and, therefore, this portion of your request is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of these decisions.

Previous OIA responses about firearms-related offences have been published on the Police website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/4-sep-2018-ir-01-18-10187.pdf>

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/ir-01-20-3835.pdf>

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/ir-01-21-24724.pdf>

You may be interested in firearms-related data that Police publishes quarterly:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-data>

Police has a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website:  
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/firearms-information-responses>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Greig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Superintendent Dave Greig**  
Director Capability

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Table 2. Offences with a firearm included in the scope of this response.

Offences with a firearm
1111 - MURDERS (FIREARM)
1121 - ATTEMPTS TO MURDER (FIREARM)
1131 - MANSLAUGHTER (FIREARM; LEGAL DUTY)
1311 - AGGRAVATED ROBBERY (CAUSE GBH) FIREARM
1314 - AGGRAVATED ROBBERY (FIREARM)
1331 - ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO ROB (FIREARM)
1411 - WOUNDS INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1414 - WOUNDS ETC. INTENT TO INJURE/RECKLESS DISREGARD (FIREARM)
1421 - INJURES INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1424 - INJURES INTENT TO INJURE/RECKLESS DISREGARD (FIREARM)
1431 - AGGRAVATED WOUNDING (FIREARM)
1451 - DANGEROUS ACT INTENT TO GBH (FIREARM)
1454 - DANGEROUS ACT INTENT TO INJURE (FIREARM)
1481 - USE FIREARM AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
1482 - USE FIREARM TO RESIST ARREST/DETENTION
1483 - COMMISSION OF CRIME WITH FIREARM
1491 - ASSAULT PERSON WITH FIREARM OR AIRGUN
1511 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (FIREARM)
1521 - ASSAULTS WITH INTENT TO INJURE (FIREARM)
1541 - MALE ASSAULTS FEMALE (FIREARM)
1581 - COM ASSLT(DOMESTIC)CR ACT(FIREARM)
1591 - COMMON ASSAULT (CRIMES ACT) FIREARM
1641 - COMMON ASSAULT (DOMESTIC) (FIREARM)
1651 - COMMON ASSAULT (FIREARM)
1711 - THREATENS TO KILL/DO GBH (FIREARM)
1721 - THREATEN PERSON (CRIMES ACT)-FIREARM
1725 - THREATEN PROPERTY (CR ACT)-FIREARM
1731 - BEHAVE THREATENINGLY (FIREARM)
1755 - POSSESS OFFENSIVE WEAPON (FIREARM)
1781 - UNLAWFUL INTIMIDATION/THREATS (FIREARM)
4136 - ARMED WITH INTENT TO COMMIT BURGLARY (FIREARM)
4155 - COMMITTING BURGLARY WITH A WEAPON (FIREARM)
4157 - REMAINED AFTER BURGLARY (FIREARM)
6853 - INTOXICATED IN CHARGE OF FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON ETC
6854 - DISCHARGES FIREARM IN/NEAR/PLACE/DWELLING
6855 - USES/DISCHARGES/CARRY OTHER FIREARM TYPE
6857 - UNLAWFULLY CARRY/POSSESS FIREARM/AMMUNITION/EXPLOSIVES PUBLIC PLACE
6861 - PRESENT FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON AT PERSON
6863 - C/USE FIREARM CAUSE DEATH/BODILY INJURY
6865 - RECKLESS DISCHARGE FIREARM/RESTRICTED WEAPON
6866 - USES RESTRICTED WEAPON/AIRGUN ETC TO PREVENT/RESIST ARREST
6867 - POSSESS FIREARM/AMM/EXPLO COMMITS OTHER OFFENCE
6961 - PRESENT PROHIBITED FIREARM AT PERSON
6962 - PRESENT THING LIKELY TO BE BELIEVED TO BE PROHIBITED FIREARM AT PERSON
6964 - POSSESS PROHIBITED FIREARM COMMITS OTHER OFFENCE