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Request for information

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

I am sure I have seen these figures, but a search through the lists of firearm-related OIA responses on the police website was unsuccessful.

Could you please advise me of the number of incidents where a firearm license holder was found to have been selling firearms to unlicensed individuals, for the period 2014 to 2020 if available, by year if possible?

Just tidying up a few loose ends for the thesis, that's all.

There are three offences that relate to supplying firearms to unlicensed people. These are:

- 6846 - Sell/Supply Firearm/Airgun to Non-Licence Holder - Arms Act 1983 Section 43(1)(a) and (b)
- 6848 - Sell/Supply Pistol/Restricted Weapon to Unauthorised Person - Arms Act 1983 Section 44(1)
- 6953 - Sell/Supply Prohibited Firearm/Prohibited Magazine to Unauthorised Person - Arms Act 1983 Section 44A (came into effect in 2019)

There are 135 occurrences with such offences that took place between the 2014 and 2020 calendar years and where, as at 1 November 2022, a person who held an active firearms licence at the time of the offence has been identified as an offender.

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Table 1. Occurrences where an active firearms licence holder was identified as an offender for sell/supply firearms to unauthorised person offences that took place between the 2014 and 2020 calendar years, as at 1 November 2022.

Offence Calendar Year	People who held an active firearms licence at this time and were identified as an offender in supplying firearms to unlicensed people offences
2014	18
2015	15
2016	25
2017	16
2018	23
2019	16
2020	22
Total	135

This data is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

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



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