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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 17 March 2021

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I write further to your request for information received 22/02/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information on media appearances by Leicestershire Police (and preceding agencies) in a documentary style, such as but not limited to 'Road Wars', 'Police Interceptors', 'Brit Cops' etc, where a camera person(s) is deployed with police officers and are followed throughout their tour of duty. This is for the time period 2003 to present.

*I would like to know;
Name of production
Production Company
Policing Unit(s)/Investigation(s)/Operation(s) followed
Status of Unit (active/disbanded/reformed/reorganized)*

I would also like to know the current stance on 2021 (ignoring COVID-19) for these types of shows to be filmed with Leicestershire Police - are they encouraged? If encouraged, are you actively engaged in filming currently, and if so, what production? If not encouraged or banned, is there reasoning behind this, for example a negative experience/portrayal previously?

On a similar line, police forces used to sell dashcam footage as 'filler' in these documentary shows, between their own self shot material. Does Leicestershire Police sell dashcam, or otherwise make them available?

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

As far as the media team are aware Leicestershire Police have not taken part in any long term filming projects/series where cameras are following officers and staff for a long period of time. We have taken part in many documentaries contributing interviews, raid footage and sometimes relevant evidence to a particular case.

We are not currently engaged in any filming projects currently, due to covid. As far as I am aware there is no negative experience that influences our decision making re documentaries rather we are a very busy press office and do not have the resources to support a large scale project.

We do not sell dashcam or body worn video. We will make these available on a case by case basis.

Our Force Deputy Head of Strategic Communications/Media Services Manager is happy to discuss further if you wish.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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