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## **Freedom of Information Response**

Our reference: FOI 24-0816 Responded to: 24 April 2024

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Please provide any correspondence between Police Scotland and the SNP relating to the campervan that was seized as part of Operation Branchform: <a href="https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/national/23444323.police-seize-high-end-campervan-snp-finances-probe/">https://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/national/23444323.police-seize-high-end-campervan-snp-finances-probe/</a>

I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held

Whilst we accept that there is a public interest in better informing the public with regards to the activities of the police, particularly where public costs are involved, it cannot be in the public interest to reveal whether any correspondence is held in relation a live investigation.

- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of one or more of the exemptions set out in sections 28 to 35, 38, 39(1) or 41 of the Act.

If held the following exemptions would be considered relevant:

Section 34 – Investigations by a Scottish Public Authority

Section 35(1) (a) & (b) - Law Enforcement

This explanation should not be taken as indicative or conclusive evidence that the information you have requested does or does not exist.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by <u>email</u> or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.





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If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - online, by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our **Disclosure Log** in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.





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