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Dear [Redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

"How many people have been charged with an offence relating to Gel Blasters since 07/10/2020?"

Before dealing with your request, it is important to note that gel blasters were declared a regulated imitation firearm from 8 October 2020. Prior to this date, incidents involving gel blasters that came to the attention of South Australia Police's (SAPOL) Firearms Branch were recorded; however, not all incidents may have been captured.

It is determined that between 07/10/2020 and 07/04/2021 (inclusive), forty four (44) persons are known to have been charged with offences that have a gel blaster firearm as a component of the offending. This data was correct as at 28 April 2021.

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **10 June 2021**.

Yours sincerely

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(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

10 May 2021