



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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Dear Ms Sandy

Re: Application for access to South Australia Police records

I refer to your application received by South Australia Police (SAPOL) in which access was sought to the following information:

"Documents showing the following: 1. How much money has been offered in rewards in the past decade and for how many unsolved cases. 2. How much has been provided in rewards in the past decade. Please provide individual amounts and what cases the rewards relate to. 3. A list of the cases and the rewards that are currently on offer. Please exclude drafts, duplicates, documents that have already been publicly released, media statements/reports/articles and correspondence with media."

On 11 April 2018, Sergeant Friend sent you an email to clarify the scope of your request enquiring if the data you sought related specifically to unsolved murders within South Australia. On the same day you replied via email saying, "yes, or wherever a reward is offered".

In relation to Parts One and Three of your request:

"Documents showing the following: 1. How much money has been offered in rewards in the past decade and for how many unsolved cases..... 3. A list of the cases and the rewards that are currently on offer...."

It is determined to **refuse access** to this data pursuant to s20(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 1991 which relevantly states:-

"An agency may refuse access to a document if it is a document that is available for inspection at that or some other agency (whether as part of a public register or otherwise) in accordance with Part 2, or in accordance with a legislative instrument other than this Act, whether or not inspection of the document is subject to a fee or charge;"



All information relating to Cold Case Homicides and rewards for each are publicly available on the Crime Stoppers website at the following link; <https://crimestopperssa.com.au/cold-case-homicides> .

It should be noted that the Crime Stoppers website advises that rewards up to the amount shown will be paid by the Government of South Australia, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Police, to anyone who provides information leading to the apprehension/conviction of the person or people responsible for the disappearance and suspected murder and/or leading to the location and recovery of the victim's remains.

Crime Stoppers South Australia is a **not-for-profit organisation** and is an independent community organisation and registered charity. It is not part of the South Australia Police service or the government, but works *with* police, the media and the public to help solve and reduce crime.

In relation to Part Two of your request:


"...2. How much has been provided in rewards in the past decade. Please provide individual amounts and what cases the rewards relate to. ..."

It is determined that there have been **no payments** for any approved rewards for any cold case murders in the last 10 years.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$34.25. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,


Senior Sergeant Tracy Gentgall
Officer in Charge
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

24 April 2018