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Your Ref:

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

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

"I wish to access all documents relating to charges laid, number of charges, number of reported incidents and date of all incidents involving gel blasters over the past two (2) years. Timeframe 05/11/2018 to 05/11/2020."

On 17 and 18 November 2020 you spoke with Sergeant Sandra Watson via telephone to discuss the scope of your request. On 19 November 2020 via email you confirmed the narrowing of the scope to seeking access to:

*"The number of times Gel Blasters have been involved in incidents from 01/01/2019 to 05/11/2020;
The dates of these incidents; and
The number of incidents which resulted in charges being laid in court"*

Before dealing with your request it is important to note 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 Firearms Branch were recorded however not all incidents may have been captured.

In relation to the following part of your request:

"The number of times Gel Blasters have been involved in incidents form 01/01/2019 to 05/11/2020;..."

It is determined between 1 January 2019 and 5 November 2020 there were seventy four (74) incidents involving gel blasters recorded at Firearms Branch. This data was correct as at 2 December 2020.

In relation to the following part of your request:

"...The dates of these incidents;..."

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within this part of the scope of your request. The data has been presented in the table below and was correct as at 2 December 2020.

Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
	01/02/19	05/03/19	09/04/19	20/05/19	01/06/19	08/07/19	07/08/19	02/09/19	08/10/19	14/11/19	07/12/19
	05/02/19	15/03/19	18/04/19	21/05/19	11/06/19		18/08/19	24/09/19	09/10/19	21/11/19	19/12/19
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		22/03/19		30/05/19							24/12/19
				31/05/19							29/12/19
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07/01/20	13/02/20	15/03/20	20/04/20	12/05/20	21/06/20	11/07/20	13/08/20	19/09/20	15/10/20	02/11/20	
17/01/20		15/03/20	21/04/20	25/05/20		17/07/20		24/09/20	21/10/20		
26/01/20		16/03/20	25/04/20	26/05/20		22/07/20		25/09/20	31/10/20		
28/01/20		19/03/20				24/07/20			31/10/20		
		20/03/20				25/07/20					


In relation to the following part of your request:

"...The number of incidents which resulted in charges being laid in court."

It is determined between 1 January 2019 and 5 November 2020 there were fifty three (53) incidents which resulted in charges being laid in court. This data was correct as at 2 December 2020.

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 <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **7 January 2021**.

Yours sincerely,


Senior Sergeant First Class Tracy Gentgall
Officer in Charge
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

7 December 2020