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Our Ref: 26-1950
Your Ref: 22830142
Telephone: 8207 5590



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:

“Incident reports and AV material such as photographs, CCTV footage, body worn camera footage, mobile video footage, audio recordings relating to the first 5 incidents that motorbike police officers attended in 2025 where footage is held. I want a copy”.

I also refer to a telephone conversation on 4 February 2026 with one of my staff, in relation to content of the documents, as the documents contain third party personal information. South Australia Police (SAPOL) has noted your requirement for third party personal information to be excluded from the documents provided therefore SAPOL has marked the relevant redactions as Out of Scope.

Under the FOI Act, an agency has 30 days plus any acquired extension of time to respond to a freedom of information request. As SAPOL did not respond to your request within the time frame required, it is deemed to have refused you access to all documents relevant to your application. However, I have determined to process the request as if the statutory time frame had been met.

SAPOL has located documents that fall within the scope of your request. The documents are numbered and described in the following schedule. The schedule contains the details of the determination in compliance with section 23 of the FOI Act. In particular, note the grounds on which access has been refused, including the reasons which are contained in the schedule.



SA POLICE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT SCHEDULE				
No.	Document Description	Status	Act	Reason
1	Occurrence Report No. SAP2500001022	Full Release		<p>Out of Scope:</p> <p>The redacted text within some documents falls outside the scope of your application. This includes information, images, and audio relating to the personal affairs of individuals other than yourself.</p>
2	Occurrence Report No. SAP2500001026			
3	Occurrence Report No. SAP2500001044			
4	Occurrence Report No. SAP2500001584			
5	Occurrence Report No. SAP2500002145			
6	BWV Clip 1 – of PD792901 SWEET (Occurrence Report No. SAP2500001022)	Access Refused	<p>Clauses: 4(2)(a)(iii) 4(2)(b)</p>	<p>The BWV footage captures the operational practices used by motorbike police officers when responding to incidents, including how officers approach scenes, interact with individuals, and identify potential risks or evidence. These practices form part of SAPOL's operational methodology and are not publicly disclosed. Making this footage available would enable individuals to analyse and potentially circumvent these procedures, which could undermine the effectiveness of future policing activities and compromise officer and public safety.</p> <p>In favour of disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances transparency regarding the exercise of police powers in public settings. Supports public scrutiny of the proportionality and lawfulness of police actions during incident response, searches, or arrests. <p>Against disclosure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reveals operational techniques used by motorbike officers that could be exploited by individuals seeking to evade detection or arrest. Risks diminishing the effectiveness of future
7	BWV Clip 1 – of PD91749 D'ARCY (Occurrence Report SAP2500001026)			
8	BWV Clip 1 – of PD88462 DOVI (Occurrence Report SAP2500001044)			
9	BWV Clip 1 – of PDPD74132 DAWSON (Occurrence Report SAP2500001584)			
10	BWV Clip 1 – of PD10435 SMITH (Occurrence Report No. SAP2500002145)			

			<p>Clause: 6(1)</p>	<p>incident-response, search, and arrest procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May compromise the integrity of evidence-gathering processes and broader operational planning. <p>While public oversight of police conduct is important, releasing this BWV would expose sensitive operational methods and adversely affect law enforcement capability. On balance, the public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of police procedures outweighs the interest in disclosure.</p> <p>The footage also contains personal information about individuals other than yourself. Disclosing the BWV would therefore constitute an unreasonable release of the personal affairs of those involved. As the identities of third parties cannot be practicably obscured without rendering the footage meaningless, SAPOL is unable to provide access.</p>
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CLAUSES FOR REFUSAL

Clause 4(2)(a)(iii) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law (including any revenue law).”

Clause 4(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

Clause 6(1) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which states:

“A document is an exempt document if it contains matter the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).”

Most CCTV cameras in South Australia are owned and operated by private businesses, local councils, or individuals, rather than by South Australia Police (SAPOL). While SAPOL may request access to, or seize, CCTV footage for investigative purposes, copies of such footage are not routinely retained unless they become evidentiary material. I can confirm that no CCTV footage is available for these five incidents.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of [Premier and Cabinet Circular 45](#) this determination, together with any documents released to you will be published on the [SAPOL Disclosure Log](#). If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 18 June 2026.

Your rights to review

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, 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 (calendar) days after you receive this letter. The fee of \$43.30 (if applicable) can be paid in person at any South Australian police station or by posting a money order.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Ainley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Senior Sergeant Christian Ainley
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

18 May 2026