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Subject: LGOIMA - Abductions on Council facilities
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 10:30:00 a.m.

Dear Andre

I refer to your request below.

To the best of our knowledge the Council has not had any reports of abductions or attempted abductions - including abductions of any person(s) and/or child(ren), made on council owned or council operated premises.

The Council does not have a specific policy or procedure relating to abduction as we would expect the matter to be referred directly to the police in the first instance.

I trust this answers your enquiry.

Kind regards

Natalie Savigny

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From: andre.chumko@stuff.co.nz

Sent: Sunday, 9 February 2020 08:23:12 p.m.

To: "Andre Chumko" <andre.chumko@stuff.co.nz>

Subject: Abductions on council facilities

Hello,

I am a reporter with the Dominion Post and Stuff news, I am wondering whether the council would be able to please provide me with the below requested information, keeping with the terms of the Official Information Act.

I'm looking for exact figures/data of total incidents on any council-owned or council-operated premises over the past five years to date (ie 9 February, 2015-- 9 February, 2020, present day) of any abductions or attempted abductions --including abductions of any person(s) and/or child(ren). For each incident, would the council please be able to list a description of the event if possible, along with the date/time if known, how many person(s)/child(ren) it involved, how council came to be aware of the situation, and whether or not police were informed of the

matter. By council owned/operated premises this could include, but is not limited to: council owned parks/reserves; council operated facilities like libraries/pools/other facilities; council buildings and their surrounds ; and so on. By 'abduction', I mean the attempted or actual unauthorised and/or illegal/criminal taking/grabbing of any person(s) and or child(ren) at any relevant location.

Would the council, in addition to the above information, please be able to provide me with a statement/explanation on what policies and procedures --active as at today's date 09/02/2020 -- it has relating to any abduction or attempted abduction--which council staff/employees may have to follow when dealing with/responding to any such event. Would it also please be able to explain why/why not these policies/procedures are in place, and for how long. If there is no specific policy/procedure, would the council please be able to explain why, and whether it plans to introduce any, and if so, the details of that.

Finally, would the council please be able to acknowledge this request and its date of receipt -- being today, Sunday, February 9 -- with an email. If this is not the appropriate avenue for this information request, would the recipient please be able to forward this request on to a person with the authority to action it.

If the council or any member of your communications/information teams needs clarification on any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. My normal hours are 2-10pm Weds-Sun, and 8am-4pm Saturday.

Look forward to hearing back from you, and many thanks in advance,
Andre

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