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By email: [fyi-request-11920-cf9ac4df@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-11920-cf9ac4df@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Morris-Bamber

#### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I refer to your online request to Police of 19 December 2019, in which you ask for, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982:

*'If information has been given to the police that vehicle may of interest in an investigation, what steps are taken to determine the legal owner of that vehicle before a search warrant can be issued. Can a search warrant be issued for a vehicle without notifying the owner, if so when does the owner get notified that the vehicle has been searched or seized to carry out the search. Can the occupier or owner of the property/vehicle that a search warrant has been issued for be present while the search is carried out if they do not hinder or interfere with the search.'*

I can advise that Police do not hold documentation that directly relates to your request, and it is therefore refused pursuant to Section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982. Police are not required to create documentation for the purpose of responding to an information request, where this information doesn't already exist.

The provisions of the Search and Surveillance Act 2012 may assist you, or you may wish to seek legal advice.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision.

Yours sincerely



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