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Tēnā koe Zachariah Davis,

On 24 February 2022, you contacted the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Have you received any complaints about Jacob Jake Williams?

The information you have requested is refused under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response concerning complaints about an individual, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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Magnus O'Neill **General Manager Ministerial and Executive Services**