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### **Coronial requests – Lewis Verduyn**

Thank you for your patience whilst the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) has worked through your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) requests of 21 July 2023. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the time taken to deliver this information to you.

On 31 August 2023, the Ministry advised you that the full copy of Mr Verduyn's file, in its current form, will be made available to you. I understand that a member of my team has been in contact with you to arrange the transfer of the file information. I have been further advised that the file is now ready to be emailed to you as is your preference. You can expect an email from [dccorrespondence@justice.govt.nz](mailto:dccorrespondence@justice.govt.nz), today.

With regards to your request for the handwritten notes of Mr Verduyn, I can confirm that these can now be released to you. For the purposes of arranging for the return of these documents, my team will be in contact with you directly today, to obtain a physical address from you.

If you require any further information, please contact the Ministry of Justice Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek a review or make a complaint to the Ombudsman. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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