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Kia ora Jonothan

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 23 February 2024, in which you requested:

According to a book on the murders of Jeanette and Harvey Crewe that was published last year (The Crewe Murders, by Kirsty Johnson and James Hollings, Massey University Press 2023): "Based on markings she ["she" being Sharon Fowler, senior forensic scientist at the National Ballistics Intelligence Service of the Greater Manchester Police] observed on the base of the fatal bullets, and comparing them to markings on all the bullets test-fired by the DSIR from the collected rifles, she found two rifles that could have fired the fatal bullets: Arthur Thomas's, and a .22 Browning pump-action rifle belonging to Arthur Eglinton, a Pahiatua farmer, which had somehow been picked up in the police sweep."

65-odd rifles were checked by police - 64 from within a 5k radius of Pukekawa, and one, belonging to Arthur Eglinton, from Pahiatua, 500k away.

I would like to see any documentation that was gathered in regard to Arthur Eglinton.

The information you requested is attached. Please note some information has been redacted under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 6(c): the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.
- Or the information is out of scope of your request.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Lynch', is positioned above the typed name.

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