



15 November 2021

REF: IR-01-21-26927

Jared Savage
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Dear Jared

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 4 September 2021 regarding the attack that took place at Countdown Lynn mall on 3 September 2021. My response to your request can be found below.

Any briefings emails or memos circulated among the Tamaki Makarau police districts (Waitemata Auckland City and Counties Manukau) about the threat posed by the individual shot by police following an attack at the New Lynn supermarket on 3 September 2021 since his release from custody on bail in July 2021.

In terms of any briefings, emails or memos circulated among Tamaki Makarau police districts relating to the threat posed by the individual responsible for the 3 September attack, Police would be required to review a significant quantity of material to ascertain whether it was within scope of this request.

Initial scoping of your request identified thousands of documents potentially relating to the individual. Unfortunately, it is not possible to confirm whether documents identified using keyword searches relate to the individual in question without conducting a manual review. For this reason, your request is refused pursuant to section 18(f) of the OIA, as provision of the requested information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Police have been able to locate 3 frontline intelligence products that meet your request, and these are attached. Limited redactions pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA have been applied to the documents to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Please note that the Independent Police Conduct Authority, the Office of the Inspectorate at the Department of Corrections, and the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security have agreed to conduct a coordinated review of the actions of New Zealand Police, the Department of Corrections and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service leading up to the attack at New Lynn Countdown on 3 September 2021.

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It is intended that the review will be completed and reported on by mid-March 2022. Terms of reference for the review are available at the following link:

<https://www.ipca.govt.nz/Site/publications-and-media/2021-media-releases/2021-sep-16-co-ordinated-review-new-lynn-countdown.aspx>

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Lynch', with a small dot at the end.

D C Lynch
Detective Superintendent
New Zealand Police

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MALE SRI LANKA

PRN 80852262

DOB 16/04/1989 (32yrs)

ALR Threat – Radicalised
Ideology
Uses/Carries Knife

ADD Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982

Current Situation

- MOHAMED SAMSUDEEN will be released from Prison on **12 July 2021**. He is a National Security Person of Interest and continues to support Islamic State and associated extremist Islamic ideologies.
- He has previous convictions for possession of objectionable material which included Islamic State and Al Qaeda publications including terrorist handbooks.
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- Prior to all interactions contact Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982
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- His bail conditions include to reside at Glen Eden Mosque.
- Primarily uses public transport (bus/ trains). Noted to spend time in the shopping complexes in Glen Eden and LynnMall and Auckland CBD (familiar with accessways/ arcades etc).

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- This FLINT is for staff awareness only. Staff should not engage with him proactively if he is sighted unless his behaviour warrants Police attention. Contact Section 9(2)(a) Official Information Act 1982 for advice if practical prior to any interaction.
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