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Mark Saunders
Chief of Police

File Number: -----

August 24, 2018

Mr. Dennis Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

Re: Your Request for Access to Information – Crime Guns and Firearms – 2000 - 2017

I am responding to your request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act), our file 2018-2061.

Pursuant to our letter to you, dated July 11, 2018, enclosed is the information pertaining to your request.

Please be advised that your request for a fee waiver has been granted.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

After careful consideration of this matter, it was determined that the fee of \$250.00 for this request would be waived in full based on the financial hardship you may encounter during this time, as described in your letter.

You will be reimbursed the \$125.00 fee deposit payment you made, received by our office on July 27th, 2018. Payment will be issued in the form of a cheque. Please allow a processing time of six to eight weeks from the date of this letter.

The Coordinator is responsible for this decision.*

If you have any questions regarding your file, please contact Analyst Ms. Tsering at **(416) 808-7847**.

You may request a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, Telephone (416) 326-3333 or toll free 1-800-387-0073.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. If your request was for your personal information, the appeal fee is \$10.00. The appeal fee for all other requests for information is \$25.00. Please include the fee in your letter of appeal in the form of either a cheque or a money order made payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you would like to appeal this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following:

- (a) the file number listed at the beginning of this letter;
- (b) a copy of this decision letter;
- (c) a copy of the original request for information which you sent to this institution; and
- (d) the reasons why you believe the records exist (if the decision was that no records exist).

Yours truly,



PM
Mr. P. McGee
Coordinator
Access & Privacy Section
Toronto Police Service

PM:ct

Encl. **5 pages**

* **Note:** 'Decision' in this context does not refer to a review of the opinions / contents/conclusions of records examined or material contained in the documents provided, but to the determination to grant or withhold access to all or portions of records.

Access & Privacy Request 18-2061

1. Definition of "crime gun"

As per TPS Service governance, "crime gun" means

- any firearm that has been used or suspected to have been used in a criminal offence
- any firearm that is obtained, possessed, or intended to be used to facilitate criminal activity
- any firearm that has had a serial number removed, altered or obliterated
- any weapon that has been adapted for use as a firearm.

2. Definition of a "domestically sourced crime gun"

Any crime gun that is registered in Canada, has been reported stolen in Canada, was made in Canada, or was legally imported into Canada. Non-regulated items (e.g. air guns), firearms with no serial numbers, and firearms that are too old are unable to be sourced.

3. Total number of firearms seized (including firearms surrendered)

Year	Total Firearms Seized
2007	2616
2008	4603
2009	3189
2010	3834
2011	3585
2012	2076
2013	2597
2014	1644
2015	2209
2016	2139
2017	1740

4. Total number of firearms surrendered (i.e. amnesty, turned in for destruction)

Year	Total Firearms Surrendered
2007	825
2008	2949
2009	1750
2010	834
2011	1913
2012	557
2013	1052
2014	454
2015	626
2016	485
2017	398

5. Total number of guns reported stolen from licensed gun owners

Year	Reported Stolen Handguns, Rifles, Shotguns, Machine guns, Antique firearms	Reported Stolen Air Guns, Replica firearms, Paintball guns, Starter Pistols, Tasers	Total
2007	39	4	43
2008	23	17	40
2009	27	17	44
2010	89	20	109
2011	42	16	58
2012	39	17	56
2013	32	14	46
2014	19	8	27
2015	16	27	43
2016	57	32	89
2017	16	20	36

6. Total number of "crime guns" seized

Year	Total Crime Guns Seized
2007	827
2008	875
2009	870
2010	733
2011	914
2012	608
2013	566
2014	563
2015	566
2016	516
2017	726

7. Total number of "crime guns" seized from licensed gun owners

Year	Crime Guns Seized from Licensed Gun Owners
2007	58
2008	129
2009	94
2010	141
2011	249
2012	80
2013	29
2014	72
2015	106
2016	39
2017	88

8. Total number of "crime guns" seized that could be traced to the United States

Year	US-Sourced Crime Guns
2007	197
2008	204
2009	232
2010	171
2011	188
2012	186
2013	175
2014	145
2015	119
2016	124
2017	182

9. Total number of "crime guns" seized that could be traced to other countries – Not available

10. Total number of “crime guns” seized that were identified as “domestically sourced”

Year	Domestically Sourced Crime Guns
2007	180
2008	180
2009	188
2010	225
2011	155
2012	158
2013	140
2014	137
2015	152
2016	124
2017	148

11. Total number of “crime guns” seized that were traced to a licensed gun owner

Year	Crime Guns Seized that were Legally Registered in Canada
2007	96
2008	93
2009	109
2010	175
2011	88
2012	85
2013	37
2014	68
2015	54
2016	55
2017	67

12. Total number of "crime guns" seized that had the serial number altered

Year	Crime Guns with Altered/Removed Serial Number (excl. Non-Regulated Items)
2007	103
2008	73
2009	84
2010	77
2011	78
2012	73
2013	56
2014	74
2015	58
2016	74
2017	88

13. Total number of "crime guns" seized that were a) restricted, b) prohibited, or c) non-restricted

Year	Non-restricted	Prohibited	Restricted
2007	117	324	123
2008	123	288	167
2009	125	336	136
2010	136	240	152
2011	72	456	136
2012	71	235	143
2013	105	219	96
2014	89	176	113
2015	138	165	103
2016	60	192	119
2017	98	233	138



Access/Correction Request

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

A \$5.00 application fee (cheque or money order payable to "Toronto Police Service" preferred) must accompany all requests. The processing of this request will not begin until this fee has been received. It is the responsibility of the requester to ensure this form, along with the application fee is mailed/delivered to: Access and Privacy Section - RMS, Toronto Police, 40 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2J3.

To Be Mailed Out To Be Picked Up

If request is for access to or correction of own personal information records, include the following information.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	YOUNG	DENNIS	ROY
Maiden Name/Alias	Date of Birth	Telephone (Day)	Telephone (Evening)
	[REDACTED]	(587) 360-1111	(587) 360-1111
Address (Street Number, Name, Apt. Number, City)		Province	Postal Code
[REDACTED]		AB	T4A 0P8

For each year from 2000 to 2017, please provide copies of records, reports, statistics, evaluations, spreadsheets, correspondence, presentations, policies, directives, etc, showing the following definitions and statistics:

1. The definition of a 'crime gun' (currently and in years past, if there have been changes);
2. The definition of a 'domestically-sourced crime gun' (currently and in years past, if there have been changes);
3. The total number of firearms seized;
4. The total number of firearms surrendered;
5. The total number of guns reported stolen from licensed gun owners.
6. The total number of 'crime guns' seized;
7. The total number of 'crime guns' seized from licensed gun owners;
8. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that could be traced to the United States;
9. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that could be traced to other countries;
10. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that were identified as 'domestically sourced';
11. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that were traced to a licensed gun owner including the number of licensed gun owners that were charged as a result of these traces;
12. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that had the serial number altered; and
13. The total number of 'crime guns' seized that were registered as (a) restricted, (b) prohibited (c) non-restricted.

Signature	[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]	Date
		11 MAY 2018

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Identification Produced: (1) _____ Date of Birth: _____
 (2) _____ (YYYY/MM/DD)

Payment: _____ Initials & Badge No.: _____

Date	Request Number	Comments

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for the purpose of responding to your request. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Access and Privacy Section.

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CRIME GUN DOCUMENTATION

By Dennis R. Young – April 15, 2018

MAY 4, 2016 - RCMP INSPECTOR CHRIS McBRYAN, Officer in Charge of NWest in Western Canada. *"It is a fact that the majority of gun related crimes in our communities are committed with guns that are domestically sourced."* Vancouver Sun: <http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/surrey-rcmp-find-500-firearms-with-expired-registrations>

JUNE 22, 2017 - CANADA FREE PRESS: CRITIQUE OF CANADA FIREARMS PROGRAM 2014 FIEDS ANNUAL REPORT - Most 'crime guns' are NOT 'domestically sourced' and RCMP Inspector Chris McBryan is wrong to claim they are <https://canadafreepress.com/article/critique-of-canada-firearms-program-2014-fieds-annual-report>

JUNE 23, 2017 - JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS: WHY IS THE RCMP USING SECRET REPORTS TO MAKE POLICY DECISIONS? SHOULDN'T POLICY BE MADE BY PARLIAMENT?
<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/finally-we-got-a-copy-of-a-secret-rcmp-report/>

JUNE 23, 2017 - JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS: DID YOU KNOW THE RCMP CONSIDERS YOU TO BE THE PRIME SOURCE OF "CRIME GUNS"?
<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/pal-holders-are-not-the-major-source-of-crime-guns/>

JUNE 23, 2017 - JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS: SHOULD "CRIME GUNS" INCLUDE GUNS CONFISCATED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CRIMES?
<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/should-crime-guns-include-guns-confiscated-for-administrative-crimes/>

JULY 2, 2017 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION COMPLAINT: DISPUTING BLANKED OUT SECTIONS IN RCMP 'NWest CRIME GUNS' REPORT
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/04/06/disputing-rcmp-exemptions-nwest-crime-guns-report/>

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 – DELAY COMPLAINT TO INFORMATION COMMISSIONER FOR NWest, FIEDS & FOES ANNUAL REPORTS IN OTHER REGIONS
<https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Info-Commissioner-RCMP-Delay-Complaint-A-2017-06297-Sept-10-2017.pdf>

NOVEMBER 29, 2017 - CALIBRE MAGAZINE: BULK OF CRIME GUNS DOMESTICALLY SOURCED? TRY 33% AT MOST <https://calibremag.ca/bulk-of-crime-guns-domestically-sourced-false/>

MARCH 9, 2018 - SOURCE OF CRIME GUNS: WHO TO BELIEVE?
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/03/09/source-crime-guns-believe/>

MARCH 7, 2018 - STATISTICS CANADA: *"We don't know the origin of firearms involved in gun crime in Canada."* By Lynn Barr-Telford, Director General, Health, Justice, and Special Surveys, Statistics Canada - Guns and Gang Summit, The Gun Blog <https://twitter.com/TheGunBlog/status/971413383437279232>

MARCH 7, 2018 - RALPH GOODALE: *"MYTH: Crime guns come from overseas, not from Canada. REALITY: These days many crime guns come from thefts and diversions of legitimate purchases."* Guns and Gang Summit, The Gun Blog <https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Goodale-Crime-Guns-Chart-Mar-7-2018.pdf>

APRIL 15, 2018 - WHY HAS THE RCMP BEEN KEEPING 'CRIME GUN' STATS A SECRET FOR TWO YEARS? - Update on my 'NO RECORDS' ATIP Complaint to the Information Commissioner filed May 14, 2016
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/04/15/rcmp-keeping-crime-gun-stats-secret-two-years/>