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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

It has been reported that in October 2019 during a search of the Millden Estate it was discovered that at least in three separate locations a number of dead raptors had been wrapped in bags. These locations included two of the residences of estate employees. Police Scotland are understood to have investigated this but few details are available as to the outcome, or of the situation surrounding this exactly. Please state: What species of raptors were involved in this incident? How many dead raptors were found as a result of this search? Post mortems were said to have been undertaken on these raptors, what was the outcome of these for each individual bird? What was the outcome of the investigation? Were any individuals charged, and, if so, how many? Please outline the extent of the involvement of Police Scotland in this case to date.

In response to your request, we can provide that 3 dead buzzards were found in bags on the Estate, at 2 properties and were identified as being shot with a shotgun. The outcome of the joint investigation was that a suspect was identified and later subject to a report to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS). You may wish to contact COPFS which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk Police Scotland does not hold conviction information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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