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Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0564  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022



## **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.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing a response.

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

**In a previous FOI request (Ref: IM-FOI-2021-2812) I was provided details of a number of incidents reported to Police Scotland that related to reports of 'UFOs' or 'lights in the sky'. I would like to request further information on three of these incidents:**

**1 - Inverurie 24/10/2021.**

**The outcome was noted as being one of the Taurid meteors.**

**I would like to know how this conclusion came about and the role/rank of the person who noted this information, and if any further checks were carried out.**

As you may be aware, FOI provides a right of access to *recorded information* only.

I can therefore only answer with reference to recorded information held within the relevant incident report.

The incident was not attended by officers but a video clip was submitted and viewed.

The comment regarding the Taurid Meteors was added by a member of staff in our call handling team.

In terms of 'how it came about' I can only advise that it is preceded by a note:

*'Footage viewed and nothing other than a blue speck. No requirement for police attendance.'*

The subsequent full comment reads:

*'From knowledge of astro - this will be one of the taurids which is a blue slow moving meteor which are prominent at this time of year'*

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**2 - Falkirk 27/03/2021.**

**The outcome was noted as "stars and nothing more"**

**I would like to know how this conclusion came about and the role/rank of the person who noted this information.**

Again I would remind you that FOI provides a right of access to *recorded information* only.

I can therefore only answer with reference to recorded information held within the relevant incident report.

The incident was attended by officers and the complainer spoken to.

The comment was added by a member of staff in our call handling team and reads:

*'Spoken to caller who has pointed out lights which are stars. Complainer has identified to [officer] what she is seeing in the sky. This has been confirmed by [officer] to be stars and nothing more.'*

**3 - Bonnybridge 10/01/2021.**

**The reply mentioned officers attending and it was identified as flaring at the INEOS plant. Regarding this incident, can you tell me:**

Again I would remind you that FOI provides a right of access to *recorded information* only.

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**a) Further details of what was reported by the reporting person**

I can provide you with the following updates from the incident report which do not contain personal information about the caller:

*'Reporting for the past 20 - 30 minutes caller has seen a ufo*

*Lights in the sky, flashing blue, red and orange.*

*Static in the sky, high up and not an aircraft that caller is aware of, not moving and not industrial, caller states this is not a light from Grangemouth. Light is too high up.*

*States he is serious about this light and states it's not a light he has ever seen.*

*Caller confirming that the light is still there and classing the object as a ufo.*

*Caller reporting light in the sky and describes the object as a ufo.*

*Caller states he is serious, has never seen this light before and it's not from Grangemouth.*

*Light is pulsating, nothing caller has never seen before.*

*No strange persons or other objects seen'*

**b) Confirmation that officers did attend the incident**

Officers did attend the incident

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**c) If any other checks were carried out beyond believing it to be flaring from the INEOS plant**

The full note reads:

*'CCTV viewed and no lights seen. Flaring is taking place at the INEOS plant tonight in Grangemouth that may be the explanation. No further lights seen.'*

**d) How the incident was closed**

The disposition code used was 'assistance/ advice given'.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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](mailto: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. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto: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.

