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Dennis Young
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Dear Dennis Young:

Re: Your File No. ONT-013, Crime Guns – May 20, 2019

I am replying to your request of access to information under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, our file number 19-2480.

Pursuant to several clarification emails with Analyst C. Kelly, full access is granted to a copy of this record as held by this **Police Service**. Please note, the response to question 6 can be located on page 7 of the responsive records.

The Coordinator is responsible for this decision.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Analyst C. Kelly at **(416) 808-7851**.

You may request a review of this decision* by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, telephone (416) 326-3333 or toll free 1-800-387-0073. You have 30 days to make this appeal.

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).

Enclosed is a copy of the record.

Yours truly,



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

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Encl. 7 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 19-2480

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. Total number of crime guns and non-crime guns seized in 2018: 833 crime guns, 1470 non-crime guns

3. Total number of firearms “surrendered” in 2018 (i.e. amnesty, turned in for destruction): 528

Note: TPS does not distinguish between “seized” and “surrendered”. All guns that come into police custody are considered seized. This figure reflects the number of firearms turned in for destruction, or under a gun amnesty.

4. Number of crime guns seized by specific crime gun criteria – Not available

5. Number of Abandoned/Found firearms in 2018: 191

Note: “Found” and “Abandoned” are used interchangeably, and can refer to both crime guns and non-crime guns.

6. Number of firearms destroyed in 2018: _____

7. Number of firearms reported stolen from a) individuals and b) businesses in 2018:

Reportee Type	Reported Stolen Handguns, Rifles, Shotguns, Machine guns, Antique firearms	Reported Stolen Air Guns, Replica firearms, Paintball guns, Starter Pistols, Tasers	Total
Individual	15	5	20
Business	3	0	3

8. Number of crime guns seized that were reported stolen from a) licensed gun owners or b) licensed businesses – Breakdown not available.

Total number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were reported stolen in Canada: 33

9. Number of crime guns seized from licensed gun owners or licensed businesses in 2018: 49

- 10. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that we attempted to trace (i.e. source): 833
- 11. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were successfully traced (i.e. sourced): 475
- 12. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were successfully traced (i.e. sourced) to the US: 333
- 13. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were successfully traced (i.e. sourced) to Canada: 142
- 14. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were legally registered in Canada: 66
- 15. Number of licensed gun owners who were arrested and charged in 2018 with Weapons Trafficking CC s. 99(1), Possession for the Purpose of Weapons Trafficking CC s. 100(1)(a), or Transfer Firearm without Authority CC s. 101(1): 6

Note 1: This figure may not include all licensed gun owners who were charged with Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence CC s. 465(1)(c), Participation in Criminal Organization CC s. 467.11, or Commission of Offence for Criminal Organization CC s. 467.12 where the substantive offence was Weapons Trafficking CC s. 99(1).

Note 2: This figure does not include licensed gun owners who were charged with other firearm-related offences such as Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Possess Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized, Careless Use, Storage or Transport Firearm in a Careless Manner, Assault with a Weapon, Discharge Firearm with Intent, Attempt Murder, Aggravated Assault, etc.

- 16. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 by whether restricted, prohibited, or non-restricted:

Year	Non-restricted	Restricted	Prohibited
2018	82	155	393

- 17. Number of crime guns seized in 2018 that were registered, broken down by whether restricted or prohibited:

Year	Restricted	Prohibited
2018	49	17

18. Number of crime guns seized by type of firearm (e.g. rifle, shotgun, handgun, toy gun, replica):

Firearm Type	2018
Air Gun	157
Antique	11
Commercial Version	1
Derringer	2
Other	25
Pistol	429
Revolver	56
Rifle	61
Sawed-off Rifle	14
Sawed-off Shotgun	29
Shotgun	32
Toy Gun	16

TOTAL 833

Requester:

Date of Accepted request:

Source:

Extraction date:

Date range:

Requester's Criteria:

Qualifiers:

Carolyn Kelly
2019.06.26
PEMS
2019.10.31
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
<p><i>The requester was looking for information about firearms seized and crime guns specifically. The Analytics & Innovation Unit advised they would be able to provide information on:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Total number of firearms surrendered to police</i> <i>2. Total number of firearms that were recorded as 'found'</i> <i>3. Total number of firearms destroyed</i>
<p>- The following data is sourced from the property management system (PEMS). It is reliant on the information being correctly entered into the database.</p> <p>- The table includes all firearms recovered and the reason for their recovery. The second tab shows the number of firearms destroyed in 2018 and the reason they were initially recovered.</p> <p>- The firearms destroyed in 2018 may include firearms that were recovered in previous years.</p> <p>- The requester was also looking for the number of firearms seized and the reason for their seizure. The total number of firearms seized has been provided as one of the categories. A&I cannot accurately say the reason for the seizure (crime / non-crime)</p>

2018 Firearms Recovered	
Reason	Count
Abandoned	122
Amnesty	55
Deceased	24
Found	61
Prisoner	2
Safekeeping	444
Seized	1,068
Voluntary	1,321
Total	3,097

2018 Firearms Destroyed	
Reason	Count
Abandon	84
Amnesty	50
Deceased	29
Evidence	23
Found	68
Investigation	2
Safekeeping	44
Seized	529
Voluntary	1,323
Total	2,152

NEW TORONTO POLICE SERVICES FOIP 'CRIME GUNS' – MAY 20, 2019
MY FILE: ONT-013

Reference is being made to the response provided by the Toronto Police Service response to FOIP File: 2019:2061 dated August 24, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/30/toronto-police-release-crime-gun-stats-2007-2017/>

For the year 2018, please provide copies of records with the following information about firearms seized and crime guns:

1. The most current definition of a 'crime gun';
2. Total number of firearms seized for (a) Crimes and (b) Non-Crimes;
3. Total number of firearms surrendered to police (i.e. during a buy-back or amnesty, turned in voluntarily for destruction, issued with 'quit claim' receipts, etc);
4. Total number of crime guns seized that were: (a) 'used in a criminal offence'; (b) 'suspected of being used in a criminal offence'; (c) 'obtained, possessed, or intended to be used to facilitate criminal activity'; (d) 'serial number removed, altered or obliterated'; (e) 'adapted for use as a firearm';
5. Total number of firearms that were recorded as 'found';
6. Total number of firearms destroyed;
7. Total number of firearms reported stolen from (a) individuals and (b) businesses;
8. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were reported as stolen from (a) licensed gun owners or (b) licensed businesses;
9. Total number of 'crime guns' seized from licensed gun owners or licensed businesses (a) for a violent crime, (b) for an administrative or paper firearms crime (i.e. expired license, current address not reported, Authorization to Transport violation, error on registration certificate, registered firearm not at correct address; etc);
10. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that you attempted to trace;
11. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were successfully traced;
12. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were successfully traced to the U.S.A;
13. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were successfully traced to Canada;
14. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were traced to a licensed gun owner;
15. Total number licensed gun owners charged with providing a 'crime gun' to a criminal;
16. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were (a) restricted, (b) prohibited, or (c) non-restricted;
17. Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were registered (a) restricted, (b) prohibited (c) non-restricted and
18. Total number of 'crime guns' seized by type of firearm (i.e. rifle, shotgun, handgun, toy gun, replica, sawed-off gun, sub-machine gun, machine gun, etc).

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