



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

DJ 2024- 0001 – RESPONSE

APPLICATION	RESPONSE INFORMATION
<p>What would you like to know?: I have an email I'm not sure is spam saying judicial investigation and in the email it says a judicial summons has been sent to me I was wondering if I could be sent the information on anything like that or could you let me know if it's not real I don't just want to ignore it if it is for obvious reasons</p>	<p>From the information supplied it does not appear to be correspondence which would have originated from a U.K. Police Force. There are of course other authorities with both criminal and civil investigative powers which may initiate legal proceedings. The Force holds no information which meets the details provided.</p> <p>The following advice is provided under section 16, Freedom of Information Act, 2000, the duty to provide advice and assistance</p> <p>From the term used, 'judicial proceedings', and the fact that there appears to be a separate e-mail with the alleged 'judicial summons' it is likely to be a 'spam e-mail'.</p> <p>There is further information on the Merseyside Police website which will be of assistance to you in deciding the true nature of the e-mail. Please refer to the link:</p> <p>Advice about fraud Merseyside Police</p> <p>The buttons marked, <i>How to check an officer's identity</i> and <i>Internet e-mail and mobile phone fraud</i>, are likely to be of particular help. The last item has a link to Action Fraud, this is the U.K. body which records fraud offences and will be able to provide more advice if requested. Unless advised not to by Action Fraud, the Force would suggest that you use the on-line reporting procedure to have the matter recorded at Action Fraud. If the matter is not reported to Action Fraud, please go the Government website, Avoid and report internet scams and phishing. Avoid and report internet scams and phishing: Report internet scams and phishing - GOV.UK The site issues the following guidance,</p> <p><i>Report misleading websites, emails, phone numbers, phone calls or text messages you think may be suspicious.</i></p> <p>Emails <i>Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will investigate it.</i></p> <p>Please retain a copy of this response should it be necessary to indicate why and what you have taken action in relation to the e-mail received.</p>