



October 6, 2010

Mr. Colin Craig  
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Winnipeg MB R3C 0E2

**PRIORITY POST**

Dear Mr. Craig:

Re: Application for Access No. 10-057

Your Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("the Act") was received on September 27, 2010.

The application requested access to the following general information:

"Please provide documentation on the number of vehicles that have been stolen since January 1, 2006 but were equipped with immobilizers as a result of MPI's requirement."

From January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2010 the following number of total theft claims were reported for Most-at-Risk (MAR) vehicles which had been required to be immobilized under *The Highway Traffic Act - Approved Theft Deterrent Immobilizer Regulation 167/2006*:

	Rural	Winnipeg	Total
MAR Vehicles Total Thefts (Equipped with an approved aftermarket immobilizer)	186	852	1038

Please note that rural owners of MAR vehicles were only required to install an immobilizer if their vehicle had previously been involved in an attempted or total theft, or if the vehicle was last registered in a jurisdiction outside of Manitoba.

None of the above thefts were the result of a properly functioning immobilizer having been defeated.

The reasons these vehicles were able to be stolen can be grouped into the following categories:

- The vehicle was running with the keys in the ignition
- Keys were left somewhere in the vehicle (glove box, under the seat, etc.)
- Keys were in a purse or back pack left in the vehicle
- Keys were stolen during a house break and enter
- Keys were stolen at a restaurant/bar/party
- A friend or family member had access to the keys and took the vehicle without permission, or took the vehicle with permission but did not return it when anticipated

A number of these total thefts claims were ultimately cancelled by the claimant, or denied by MPI, because:

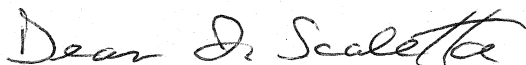
- The vehicle had been towed for street cleaning or snow removal
- The vehicle had been towed for being illegally parked
- Someone who had "borrowed" the vehicle brought it back after the theft report had already been made
- The claim was voluntarily withdrawn by the claimant following further investigation by MPI
- The "theft" peril coding was changed to a "collision claim" coding

No exemptions have been applied to any aspect of this response, however, any questions you may have can be directed to Paul Lacroix, Privacy and Information Officer at 985-8804.

You have a right to make a complaint to the Manitoba Ombudsman regarding this response. The complaint must be filed within 60 days after you receive this response. It must be on the prescribed "Complaint Form" and be delivered to:

Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 – 500 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1

Yours truly,



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