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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20170044**

**REQUEST**

***Why was Mr Stephen Watson unaware of the silver command that took place on Sheffield's Rustlings Road, on 17 November 2016, for the felling of trees on that road, before it took place, given that the international media spotlight would reasonably suggest he should have been informed before it took place? He said he did not know about it on BBC Radio Sheffield until after the event.***

**RESPONSE**

As you may be aware FOI legislation concerns *recorded* information, rather than opinion or comment; the formal response to your request is one of 'no information held'

However, the T/Chief Superintendent who was Silver Commander advised:

*As with all policing operations, the national established policing process is that the plans and authorisation for those policing operations are discussed with the Gold commander at that time. The Gold commander on this occasion was not Chief Constable Stephen Watson.*