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William Blair
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I am responding to your request for access to information, our file 051752.

Chief Blair received information verbally from members of the Gun and Gang Unit in response to a question he asked concerning "crime guns" and where they came from. The information that he was provided relates only to "crime guns", primarily hand guns, and only to the situation in Toronto. The information that Chief Blair received was not based on a scientific analysis of raw data, but rather the estimate of an experienced police officer.

For your further information, following Chief Blair's statement, the Toronto Police Service conducted a review of handguns submitted to the Gun and Gang Task Force during 2004. During this review, handguns identified and investigated as potential "crime guns" were analysed. (With very few exceptions, the majority of seized rifles and shotguns are usually sourced back to Canada.)

Based on the review of each file, the following information was determined:

Confirmed Trace to USA	82
Not Registered	26
On file as "Stolen"	35
Too old to trace - believed source Canada	06
Unknown status - serial removed, etc.	<u>65</u>
TOTAL	214

A further analysis of the handguns listed as "Unknown status - serial removed, etc." was conducted, looking at the type of firearm, make, model and calibre. Based on experience, 36 were categorized as coming from Canada, 29 were believed smuggled from the U.S.

Total analysis:

USA Source	- Traced	82
	- Believed smuggled	<u>29</u>
	SUBTOTAL	111 (52 %)
Canadian Source	- Not registered	26
	- On file as stolen	35
	- Canada (from unknown)	36
	- Too old for trace	<u>06</u>
	SUBTOTAL	103 (48 %)
TOTAL		214

Access to the raw data used in the recent review of handguns submitted to the Gun and Gang Task Force is denied pursuant to subsections 8(1)(a), 8(1)(b), 8(1)(e), 8(1)(f) and 8(1)(l) of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This information was gathered for matters currently under investigation and/or before the courts. Release of this information, including raw data, could jeopardize ongoing criminal investigations and prosecutions. Release could also jeopardize officer safety and hamper the control of crime.

Subsections 8(1)(a), 8(1)(b), 8(1)(e), 8(1)(f) and 8(1)(l) are noted below for reference:

<u>Sub-Section</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8(1)(a)	Disclosure of a record may be refused if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with a law enforcement matter.
8(1)(b)	Disclosure of a record may be refused if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with an investigation undertaken with a view to a law enforcement proceeding or from which a law enforcement proceeding is likely to result.
8(1)(e)	Disclosure of a record may be refused if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of a law enforcement officer or anyone else;
8(1)(f)	Disclosure of a record may be refused if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or impartial adjudication.
8(1)(l)	Disclosure of a record may be refused if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to facilitate the commission of an unlawful act or hamper the control of crime.

The Coordinator is responsible for these decisions.