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Privacy Commissioner ‘very concerned’ at VTNZ breach

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Privacy Commissioner John Edwards says he is very concerned about the findings of Justice Palmer that gang members were able to obtain the address of an informant from VTNZ.

Justice Palmer made the comment at the sentencing in the High Court in Auckland yesterday of six members of the Head Hunters gang for the kidnapping and manslaughter of Jindarat Prutsiriporn.

Justice Palmer noted in the sentencing that in an earlier attempt to kidnap Ms Prutsiriporn, one of the gang members had been able to get the details of a motorist who reported the group behaving suspiciously. This was done through a VTNZ employee who had access to the VTNZ database.

Mr Edwards says he will be asking VTNZ for details of the incident, and for an explanation of the security processes and procedures in place at VTNZ.

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