

Identifying arrested or charged persons

The Anti-Corruption Commission (the “Commission”) has a duty to safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of information, to respect the rights of individuals and not to prejudice investigations/proceedings. These must be balanced against the duty to be open and transparent wherever reasonably possible.

The policy of the Commission is compliant with the recommendations of the Leveson Inquiry.

It is the policy of the Commission not to release the names of persons who are arrested, unless there are exceptional circumstances, e.g.:-

- threat to life;
- prevention or detection of crime; or
- a matter of significant public interest and confidence.

At the time of arrest, the Commission will normally provide the following non-identifiable information about persons arrested:-

- age;
- gender;
- resident district; and
- offence.

For example, “a 48 year old male from the district of George Town has been arrested on suspicion of bribery, fraud and money laundering”.

It is the policy of the Commission to name persons once criminal proceedings have been instituted before the Court. The following information will be released about an adult, providing there are no applicable legal restrictions:-

- name;
- occupation;
- resident district; and
- charge details.

For example, “Ms. XYZ, Consultant, from the district of Bodden Town has been charged with bribery, fraud and money laundering”.

These policies of general application will always be subject to the specifics of each matter and overall public interest.