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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0723

On 12/07/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on lost and stolen wrist watches.

- How many watches were recorded as stolen in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022? Please provide figures for each year.
 - What was the combined value of these watches? Please provide figures for each year.
 - What percentage/number of watches recorded as stolen in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 were recovered?
 - What percentage/number of watches reported stolen in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 involved some form of violence against the owner/person wearing the watch?
 - What percentage/number of watches reported stolen in the first six months of 2023 involved some form of violence against owner/person wearing the watch?
- What percentage/number of watches reported stolen in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 have resulted in the fatality of the victim

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary may hold relevant information.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to electronically search for the information you have requested in relation to the number of watches reported stolen from 01/01/2019 – 13/07/2023 where it had involved some form of violence against the owner/person wearing the watch. In order to retrieve and identify these it would involve manually reviewing 410 crimes of all offences where watches have been reported as stolen. This would take longer than the 18 hour prescribed by Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

The total number of watches stolen from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022

Year	Total
2019	36
2020	15
2021	6
2022	11
Total	68

The total value of the watches from 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022

Year	Total Value
2019	80156.05
2020	16279.93
2021	18550.02
2022	14114
Total	129100

Under Section 16, duty to assist, I can confirm a search can be conducted of the Crime Recording System of crimes under the offence of “Robbery” where watches have been stolen during the offence within the date ranges you have requested.

If this would assist, please submit a new FOI request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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