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Our reference: FOI_2023.0850

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0850

On 22/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

We are wondering if we can request data for the amount of mobile phone/wallet thefts (including reports that involve mobile card readers being used to steal money from cards) from 2022.

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

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.

Following receipt of your request, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2022 – 23/08/2023 where the offence of theft of office/comms, theft of mobile/accessory and theft of money receptacle/wallet, a free text search of the MO's was conducted for the term 'Mobile Card Reader'. The results are as follows:

Thefts of Mobiles, office/comms and money broken down by year

Year	Theft
2022	139
2023	53
Total	192

The free text search of the MO's for the term 'Mobile Card Reader' has returned a nil result.

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
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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