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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1072

On 03/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

[...]

I am [...] at TWCI an esteemed international risk consultancy organization.

(<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwoworldsci.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7C887df614bf0749c7672908dbdbc51c2c%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638345411856647529%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6jps4PaqHTAUVK86bczrbp6ycl4jd4kCwH2GGPI9atw%3D&reserved=0>),

Our current project involves the development of a comprehensive report on ATM-related incidents for EURONET, a prominent entity within the industry

(<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.euronetatms.es%2F&data=05%7C01%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7C887df614bf0749c7672908dbdbc51c2c%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638345411856647529%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uCEnJvNc6vYmfWg0TbBpiT0I9TmWiJOb9pyR4X27yk0%3D&reserved=0>).

Subsequently, we aim to extend this analysis to encompass the security directorates of major Spanish banking institutions. The primary objective of this report is to conduct an in-depth examination of the legal landscape and the rate of accidents involving Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).

In light of this, we formally request your assistance in providing us with the following critical data and information, where feasible, to facilitate our comprehensive analysis:

1. An overview of the current ATM crime situation in the geographical area of your responsibility.

2. Data on ATM attacks, for the period spanning 2019 to 2022. We require data broken down by:

- Modus operandi employed in these attacks (e.g., explosives, uprooting, others).
- Geographic distribution by location (to enable us to create a geographical incidence map).
- Monthly incident data.
- Economic losses resulting from these attacks, including stolen funds and property damage.
- Classification of explosives used (solid, gas, etc.).
- The status of these crimes (completed or attempted).
- Any additional pertinent information, such as the nationality of suspects, arrest statistics, and behavioral characteristics of offenders, which would greatly contribute to our analysis.

3. Crime prevention:

- Insights into the crime prevention measures implemented within your country to mitigate physical attacks on ATMs.
- Identification of institutions responsible for monitoring and enforcing these preventative measures.

We stand ready to provide any necessary clarifications or further information to support your response.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter and anticipate your prompt response, which will be instrumental in our research efforts.

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.

1 – No information held. Gloucestershire Constabulary has not carried out any analysis on ATM crimes.

2 –

A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2022 where the MO free text contains the term "atm". Please be advised that where these letters are present in this order within another word, i.e. treatment, any search results will also include these records.

The above search has returned 616 records.

In order to identify those that are most relevant to your request, a filter of the Offence type has been applied. The filter has included the following offences:

- Arson & Criminal Damage
- Burglary
- Possession of Weapons
- Robbery
- Theft

This has reduced the number of records to 17.

A manual review of these records has then been conducted, and a total of 4 records have been identified as relevant to your request. A breakdown of the information held has been provided below. Please note that due to the low number of records, uncorrelated data has been provided in order that no individual can be identified.

All of the identified crimes are from 2019.

Offence Type:

Arson & Criminal Damage x2

Burglary x1

Theft x1

Location by Local Policing Area (LPA):

Cheltenham x1

Cotswolds x1

Forest x1

Tewkesbury x1

Crime MO:

Caller states that staff at the location have witnessed someone damaging the atm outside of the location. Upon review cctv shows 4 x males loitering around the atm at approx. 2205hrs. Males are leaning up against the machine and repeatedly touching it. After approx. 10 mins 3 x males walk off. 1 x male then spends approx. 20mins leaning against machine then starts kicking and punching machine. The outer screen has been smashed and the inner lcd screen has been punched inwards along the bottom edge. There is enough room to put an arm through into the internal workings.

Unknown offender(s) have rammed the store using a jcb telescopic handler and have then removed a cash machine (containing an unknown quantity of money) which is built into the structure of the supermarket building, causing extensive damage. Offenders have then made off with the atm machine in several vehicles.

Unknown male offenders have arrived outside a shop in the early hours of the morning in a small white van and a silver sporty saloon car. The van has reversed into a shop front several times in a deliberate act to displace the glass panes. Once forced other males have placed a towing rope around a free standing atm for the van to drag out. Once done the van and the car have driven off dragging the atm down the road. The atm has broke free only 400 yards down the road and has been recovered.

Overnight unknown offender has damaged atm attached to store. The screen looks like its been cracked and the screen is blank

Outcome:

Investigation Complete - No Suspect x2

IP Does Not Support - No Suspect x1

IP Supports - Suspect Identified x1

Section 17 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.

With regard to the data requested regarding recorded suspects, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. This is because any release would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which requires that personal information be processed lawfully, fairly and with transparency. The Constabulary will not release any information under the Freedom of Information Act which may result in the identification of an individual and in particular the suspect of a crime. Due in part to the low number of crimes covered by your request and the specific nature of the crimes, it is highly likely that an individual may be identified including the potential for a suspect of a crime or their family/ friends to identify themselves in any information disclosed.

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

3 – No information held

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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