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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1207

On 16/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

I am interested in data regarding the illegal streaming of sports in the UK.

For your police force, I would like to know:

1. How many people were cautioned for viewing illegal streams in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
2. How many people were given penalty notices for viewing illegal streams in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
3. How many people were arrested for viewing illegal streams in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
4. How many people were cautioned for distributing / supplying illegal streaming services in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
5. How many people were given penalty notices for distributing / supplying illegal streaming services in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
6. How many people were arrested for distributing / supplying illegal streaming services in the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023?
7. For questions 4, 5 & 6, how many people were supplying illegal streams digitally?

8. For questions 4, 5, & 6, how many people were supplying illegal streams through 'dodgy boxes' / 'firesticks'?

I would like to receive this information in excel format, with the data split up into the years I requested.

As stated, I am mostly concerned with those given cautions, penalty notices, & arrested for viewing / supplying sports streams, so if you can distinguish this in the data you provide me compared to other illegal streaming, that would be great.

Clarification was sought asking to refer to the Home Office Counting Rules to confirm what offences you would like offences to be searched for.

Clarification was received confirming you would like a search for the following offences:

Questions 1 – 3: 099/90, 038/01, 038/02, 084/13 & Section 11 of the Fraud Act 2006 and for questions 4 – 8: 038/02, 038/03, 053/43, 053/44, 068/01, 084/09, 084/10, 084/12, 084/13, 098/76, 098/77, 099/90 and 038/01.

And a keyword search of the following: 'set-top box', 'top box piracy', 'Kodi', 'IPTV', 'firestick', 'chipped firestick' 'dodgy box' & 'internet TV media box' can be used for all questions if it helps. Then 'intellectual property', and broadcasters / organisations ('Sky Sports', 'TNT', 'BT', 'Premier League' can be searched as separate key phrases individually for all of the questions. Then 'sports streaming', 'sports piracy', 'illegal streaming', 'football streaming' etc, can be used to help find information for all of the questions too. Any other very similar terms you can use in a keyword search too.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary does not hold any 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, I can confirm that a search has been conducted of the crime recording system for the above offences between the dates of 01/01/2019 – 17/12/2023, whereby a keyword search of the MOs have been conducted using the above keywords provided in your clarification. This have resulted in a nil return.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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