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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024.0014

On 04/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For each of the following calendar years, please state how many instances of tool theft you have had reported in your region, broken down by month:

- 2022
- 2023

For each of the following calendar years, please state how many instances of tool theft from vehicles you have had reported in your region, broken down by month:

- 2022
- 2023

Clarification was sought providing the list of property items as 'tools' asking to confirm which items would aid your response.

Clarification received asking to include all tool types which is listed in Gloucestershire Constabulary's data.

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, I can confirm that a search of the crime recording system has been conducted for the offences of Burglaries (Residential and Commercial), all theft offences, Robbery and Theft from a motor vehicle between the dates 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2023, whereby the property items are as listed below:

hand tool|not power|
hand tool|not power|axe
hand tool|not power|bolt cropper
hand tool|not power|chisel
hand tool|not power|crowbar nail bar
hand tool|not power|drill
hand tool|not power|file
hand tool|not power|fork
hand tool|not power|garden hose
hand tool|not power|hammer
hand tool|not power|hoe
hand tool|not power|ladder
hand tool|not power|mallet
hand tool|not power|other
hand tool|not power|penknife
hand tool|not power|pickaxe
hand tool|not power|pincers / pliers
hand tool|not power|plane
hand tool|not power|pruning / lopping
hand tool|not power|rake
hand tool|not power|saw
hand tool|not power|scissors
hand tool|not power|screwdriver
hand tool|not power|shears
hand tool|not power|shovel
hand tool|not power|soldering iron
hand tool|not power|spade
hand tool|not power|spanner hand
hand tool|not power|spanner socket
hand tool|not power|spirit level
hand tool|not power|tape measure
hand tool|not power|tool box
hand tool|not power|trowel
hand tool|not power|wheelbarrow
hand tool|not power|workmate
hand tool|power|
hand tool|power|breaker
hand tool|power|chain saw
hand tool|power|disc cutter angle grinder
hand tool|power|drill
hand tool|power|drill bit / attachment
hand tool|power|extension lead
hand tool|power|garden vacuum / blower
hand tool|power|hedge trimmer
hand tool|power|nail gun
hand tool|power|other

hand tool|power|paint stripper
hand tool|power|planer
hand tool|power|router
hand tool|power|sander
hand tool|power|saw
hand tool|power|screwdriver
hand tool|power|steam stripper
hand tool|power|trimmer / brushcutter
hand tool||

This search included the status for the property items as Stolen and Recovered.
The results are as follows:

1. Monthly breakdown of all crimes of theft, burglary and robbery offences where a tool is recorded as stolen/recovered.

Month by year	RECOVERED	STOLEN	Total
2022	1	42	42
Jan	1	7	7
Feb	0	7	7
Mar	0	7	7
Apr	0	1	1
May	0	3	3
Jun	0	2	2
Jul	0	3	3
Aug	0	2	2
Sep	0	2	2
Oct	0	2	2
Nov	0	2	2
Dec	0	4	4
2023	1	30	31
Jan	0	5	5
Feb	0	2	2
Mar	0	3	3
Apr	0	5	5
May	1	3	4
Jun	0	1	1
Jul	0	3	3
Aug	0	1	1
Oct	0	1	1
Nov	0	3	3
Dec	0	3	3
Total	2	72	73

Please note that more than one property item could be present in reporting of the crime, therefore there could be more than one property item stolen per crime.

2. Monthly breakdown of theft from motor vehicle offences where a tool is recorded as stolen/recovered.

Month by year	STOLEN	Total
2022	11	11
Jan	2	2
Mar	1	1
Apr	1	1
Jun	2	2
Aug	1	1
Sep	2	2
Nov	2	2
2023	15	15
Feb	1	1
Mar	3	3
Jun	1	1
Jul	2	2
Aug	3	3
Sep	2	2
Oct	1	1
Dec	2	2
Total	26	26

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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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