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Our reference: FOI_24_0231

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0231

On 20/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

- 1) How many reports of shoplifting offences have you had to your police force in the following years:2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
- 2) How many people have been charged with shoplifting offences by your police force in the following years:2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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.

In response to your request, a search of the Incident Recording System has been conducted for all records created between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2023 where the offence is shoplifting. These have then been broken down to show how many have been charged. Please see the table below for the monthly breakdowns.

1)

Year	Shoplifting offences
2018	3375
2019	3046
2020	2700
2021	2436
2022	2892
2023	4104

2)

Year	Charged with shoplifting offence
2018	640
2019	602
2020	497
2021	413
2022	414
2023	484

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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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