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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0282

On 05/03/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. In the 2023 calendar year how many crimes were logged by your force where Airbnb was recorded as being an element in the offence?

[Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO/Investigation Summary Field of crimes for the word/s 'airbnb', 'air bnb', 'air-bnb' and 'air bandb'.]

2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to Airbnb by its mention in the MO/Investigation Summary Field.
3. Please provide me with copies of the first 10 MOs/Investigation Summary Field that mention Airbnb.

[Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for the names, ages, geography or any other detail to be redacted to allow for the disclosure of the incident and how it relates to Airbnb.]

4. Could you please go through the same process in answering Question 1, 2 and 3 but instead of Airbnb please carry out the process in relation to the website TikTok?

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.

I can confirm a search has been done of the Crime Recording System for substantiated crimes between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 whereby the MO freetext contained the words 'airbnb', 'air bnb', 'air-bnb', 'air bandb' and 'TikTok'.

Air Bnb crimes

- 1) 4
- 2)

Offence Group	Home Office Offence class	Volume
Arson & Criminal Damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	1
Theft	Theft in a dwelling	1
Violence against the Person	Assault w/o Injury	1
Violence against the Person	Harassment	1

- 3) As there is a low volume of crimes for the requested time period, giving out summary of these MO'S would likely identify individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

TikTok crimes

- 1) 80
- 2)

Offence Group	Home Office Offence class	Volume
Misc Crimes against Society	Obscene Publications etc	5
Public Order	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	3
Sexual Offences	Sexual activity involving child -13	1
Sexual Offences	Sexual grooming	1
Theft	Blackmail	2
Theft	Theft from the person of another	1
Violence against the Person	Assault with injury	1

Violence against the Person	Coercive or Controlling Behaviour	1
Violence against the Person	Harassment	29
Violence against the Person	Malicious Communications	22
Violence against the Person	Racially/Religiously Aggravated Harassment	2
Violence against the Person	Stalking	11
Violence against the Person	Threats to Kill	1

- 3) Please see the attached PDF document that contains a summary of the first 10 MO's. Please note that there may be duplicated MO's however, these are two different crimes. Please note redactions have been applied where necessary by virtue of Section 40.

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 any further information, 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. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals

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

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary

Tik Tok

THE VICTIM HAS RECIEVED A NUMBER OF THREATENING VOICE NOTES FROM THE [REDACTED] ACCOUNT OF [REDACTED] THE SUSPECT. [REDACTED] THE VICTIM HAS ALSO SEEN THAT THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN VIEWING HER TIKTOK ACCOUNT.
VICTIM HAS BEEN PLAYING A GAME ON TIKTOK AND DUE TO THIS HAS BEEN RECIEVING ABUSIVE TXTS FROM SUSPECT
SUSPECT HAS CALLED THE VICTIM AND CLAIMS THEY HAVE WATCHED HER ON TIKTOK AND STARTED MAKING A NUMBER OF SEXUAL REFERENCES TO THE VICTIM SUCH AS [REDACTED] THIS HAS CAUSED THE VICTIM TO BECOME SHOCKED AND SCARED AT HOW THE SUSPECT HAS GOTTEN HER NUMBER.
VICTIM AND SUSPECT ATTEND THE [REDACTED] VICTIM HAS RECEIVED THREATENING AND ABUSIVE MESSAGES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. SUSPECT HAS ALSO MODIFIED IMAGES OF THE VICTIM AND SENT THEM ONLINE. SUSPECT HAS TAKEN THE VICTIM'S PHOTO OFF THE [REDACTED] WEBSITE AND [REDACTED] SUSPECT [REDACTED] SHARED THE IMAGE ON TIKTOK.
VICTIM AND SUSPECT ATTEND THE [REDACTED] VICTIM HAS RECEIVED THREATENING AND ABUSIVE MESSAGES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. SUSPECT HAS ALSO MODIFIED IMAGES OF THE VICTIM AND SENT THEM ONLINE. SUSPECT HAS TAKEN THE VICTIM'S PHOTO OFF THE [REDACTED] WEBSITE AND [REDACTED] SUSPECT [REDACTED] SHARED THE IMAGE ON TIKTOK.
VICTIM CALLED 999 REPORTING SUSPECTS VERBALLY ABUSING THE VICTIMS ONLINE SPECIFICALLY ON TIKTOK. DUE TO THIS THE VICTIM FEELS VERY EMOTIONAL AND DISTRESSED. ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SUSPECTS TO HACK VICTIMS FACEBOOK PROFILES.
VICTIM CONTACTED THE SUSPECT ON TIKTOK IN ORDER TO [REDACTED] SUSPECT ASKED FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS HOWEVER REFUSED TO MEET WITH THE VICTIM. VICTIM DID NOT WISH TO GIVE [REDACTED] AWAY WITHOUT MEETING SUSPECT FIRST. SUSPECT HAS THEN STARTED POSTING ON HIS TIKTOK PROFILE, STATING THE VICTIM IS [REDACTED] SUSPECT HAS ALSO MADE PUBLIC [REDACTED] AND THREATENED TO CAUSE HARM TO HER AND THE PROPERTY.
VICTIM CONTACTED THE SUSPECT ON TIKTOK IN ORDER TO [REDACTED] SUSPECT ASKED FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS HOWEVER REFUSED TO MEET WITH THE VICTIM. VICTIM DID NOT WISH TO GIVE [REDACTED] AWAY WITHOUT MEETING SUSPECT FIRST. SUSPECT HAS THEN STARTED POSTING ON HIS TIKTOK PROFILE, STATING THE VICTIM IS [REDACTED] SUSPECT HAS ALSO MADE PUBLIC [REDACTED] AND THREATENED TO CAUSE HARM TO HER AND THE PROPERTY.
SUSPECT HAS BEEN TAKING INDECENT IMAGES OF HIMSELF AND SHARING THEM ON TIKTOK AND DISCORD.
SUSPECT AND VICITM ARE EX-PARTNERS. WHEN THEY HAVE BOTH SPILIT, THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN PLACING ON TIKTOK THE VICITM HAS [REDACTED] WHICH THE VICITM STATES ID FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND CAUSING A HUGE AMMOUNT OF DISTRESS AS THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME.