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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0408

On 12/04/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information be shared with me:

1. How many muggings have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
2. How many domestic burglaries (as in burglaries occurring in private homes as opposed to commercial buildings) have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
3. How many muggings (that involved at least one watch/timepiece) have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
4. How many domestic burglaries (that involved at least one watch/timepiece) have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
5. How many watches have been reported as stolen (via theft, robbery or burglary etc.) in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
6. How many watches have been reported as lost in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
7. What are the top five most stolen watch brands in your region (and what percentage of your total watch thefts do these brands account for). Please answer this questions for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and for 1st Jan- 31st March 2024.
8. How many cases involving counterfeit goods have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)
9. How many cases involving counterfeit watches have been reported in your region each month since 1st January 2019 (up to and including March 2024)

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 that a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/03/2024 whereby the following offences were recorded:

034/01 - Robbery - personal

28I Residential Burglary of a Home
 28J Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home
 28K Distraction Burglary - Residential (Home)
 28L Attempted Distraction Burglary - Residential (Home)
 29B Aggravated Burglary Residential (Home)Aggravated

Please note that the recording of specific property items on the Crime Recording System is limited to only those that have a unique identifier. As such, specific details are sometimes not recorded and any search for specific items having been stolen may not be accurate.

1. Please see the below table for the number of crimes recorded relating to offence code 034/01 – Robbery – Personal:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	16	32	27	22	30	28	155
Feb	31	29	27	20	29	34	170
Mar	25	25	26	31	27	38	172
Apr	18	16	22	27	28		111
May	39	16	25	34	35		149
Jun	27	30	23	42	36		158
Jul	35	40	28	36	40		179
Aug	35	32	28	30	39		164
Sep	43	45	22	31	34		175
Oct	26	30	18	36	35		145
Nov	24	12	31	24	24		115
Dec	25	29	28	27	21		130
Total	344	336	305	360	378	100	1823

2. Please see the table below for the number of crimes recorded relating to the above Burglary offence codes. [Please note that the offence codes changed in 2023 and the pre 2023 codes included 'residential unconnected building' whereas the post 2023 codes do not.]

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	244	210	122	172	186	124	1058
Feb	259	199	145	170	133	100	1006
Mar	238	198	117	221	158	113	1045
Apr	198	139	128	131	119		715
May	152	102	141	153	110		658
Jun	148	136	122	192	107		705
Jul	170	155	138	159	177		799
Aug	188	127	129	186	125		755
Sep	252	189	145	169	86		841
Oct	221	140	225	210	111		907
Nov	213	135	169	157	100		774
Dec	171	136	122	163	109		701
Total	2454	1866	1703	2083	1521	337	9964

3. The crimes retrieved in question 1 have been searched for any property items that contained the term 'watch'. The results were as follows:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan							
Feb							
Mar	1						1
Apr		1		1			2
May	1						1
Jun							
Jul			1				1
Aug	1	1					2
Sep		2					2
Oct							
Nov							
Dec							
Total	3	4	1	1			9

4. The crimes retrieved in question 2 have been searched for any property items that contained the term 'watch'. The results are as follows:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	13	12	2				27
Feb	12	18	3			1	34
Mar	16	1	1	4			22
Apr	8	1		1	2		12
May	3		1	2			6
Jun	5			5	1		11
Jul		4	3		1		8
Aug	7	2	1				10
Sep	6	3			1		10
Oct	14	3	2	1	1		21
Nov	12	2	1	1	1		17
Dec	14	1		1	1		17
Total	110	47	14	15	8	1	195

5. A search has been conducted of all crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/03/2024 whereby a property item of 'watch' was recorded as stolen. The following table shows the number of watches recorded as stolen:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Jan	27	21	4	2			54
Feb	26	43	4		1	3	77
Mar	27	5	1	6	1	2	42
Apr	17	2		4	3		26
May	11	4	1	3	1		20
Jun	13	3		6	5		27
Jul	7	9	6		2		24
Aug	17	5	1	5	1		29
Sep	10	8	2		1		21
Oct	31	4	6	5	3		49
Nov	29	6	3	2	5		45
Dec	24	3		3	3		33
Total	239	113	28	36	26	5	447

6. Unfortunately, although the Constabulary has a property recording system that can readily log a property item through the process of being reported lost and any subsequent action, the statistics that can be retrieved from the system are limited. A search of the system for the term 'watch' has returned the following number of entries:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
72	39	37	37	32	5	222

7. As stated above, the recording of specific make and model of watches is limited on the Constabulary Crime Recording System. Of those property items retrieved in the search results for question 5, I can confirm the following were the top 5 Makes of watches recorded:

2019

ROLEX
OMEGA
SEIKO
TAG HEUER
ROTARY

2020

OMEGA
ROLEX
ROTARY
ARMANI
TAG HEUER

2021

ROLEX
APPLE
OMEGA
TIMEX
MICHAEL KORRS

2022

ROLEX
OMEGA
LONGINES
GARMIN
LOTUS

2023

ROLEX
SEIKO
OMEGA
TAG HEUER
SKAGEN

2024
TAG HEUER
APPLE
ROLEX
SEIKO

8. and 9. I can confirm that offences involving counterfeit goods, including watches, are normally dealt with by Trading Standards. However, a search has been conducted of any offences recorded by the Constabulary under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 from 01/01/2019 to 31/03/2024. A manual review of the results of this search has been carried out and none appear to relate specifically to counterfeit goods/watches.

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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Yours sincerely,

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