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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0535

On 20/05/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1) Please can you state for theft offences recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "land rover" in each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2019
- ii) 2020
- iii) 2021
- iv) 2022
- v) 2023

2) Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force in between January and May 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.

A search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023 where the offence calls under the offence group of Theft, and where the terms "land rover" and/or "landrover" were contained within the MO Freetext.

Please see below for the results for Q1.

Offence	Year					Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Other theft/unauth taking	3	1	0	0	1	5
Shoplifting	4	1	1	0	0	6
Theft from the person of another	1	0	0	0	0	1
Theft making off without payment	7	3	0	0	0	10
Theft of pedal cycle	2	0	0	1	0	3
Total	17	5	1	1	1	25

Please see the attached PDF for the MO data in response to Q2.
Please note that redactions have been made where necessary.

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 regards to the disclosure of Vehicle Registration Numbers, 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 with 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

THE SUSPECT ENTERS STORE AT APPROX 2150HRS AND WALKS PAST AND GRABS A SANDWICH FROM A DISPLAY AND THEN HEADS TO THE MEAT SECTION AND GRABS A SECTION OF MEATS INCLUDING PACKS OF CHICKEN. HE THEN HEADED OUT OF THE STORE MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO PAY. THE SUSPECT IS FOLLOWED BY STAFF ON DUTY AT THE TIME WHO ENGAGE WITH HIM WHERE HE TURNS ROUND AND LAUGHS AND SAYS "IM HOMELESS" BEFORE GETTING INTO FRONT PASSENGER SEAT OF A VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS A LANDROVER DISCOVERY VRM: [REDACTED] AND BEING DRIVEN BY A MALE REOGNISED BY STAFF AS A PREV OFFENDER OF THEETS FROM THE SHOP