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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0836

On 11/09/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. In the last 5 years, [Between April 6- April 5 2019-2024] - how many shoplifting offences have there been in the area that the force covers? (Broken down by years, 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

1a) Of these offences during this five year period, how many prosecutions were made?

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 conducted of our Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 06/04/2019 and 05/04/2024 for the offence of '046/00' – Theft from Shop. This has been broken down by financial years and outcomes.

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Financial Year	Total
2019/20	3123
2020/21	2396
2021/22	2533
2022/23	3147
2023/24	4270
2024/25	55
Total	15524

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Financial Year	Charged / Summons
2019/20	537
2020/21	464
2021/22	404
2022/23	469
2023/24	513
2024/25	3
Total	2390

Please note that the Constabulary only holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence. The ultimate outcome of these offences depends on what happens at court i.e. whether the offender is found guilty (convicted) or not. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

Therefore any information relating to the outcome of a case, the length of sentence or whether any appeal was made is not held by the constabulary, but by the HM Courts Service. Please find a link below to their website:

www.justice.gov.uk/

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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