



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_1101

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Date: 02/01/2025

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1101

On 03/12/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request the following data for these specific cases retrieved from the National Crime Agency, UK Missing Persons Unit database for Unidentified victims in your police force. This data will be used in a doctoral research relating to cold case investigations involving unidentified individuals. The purpose of the study is to collect data from different cases that involve unidentified individuals and to create a database that could provide an understanding of what forensic techniques are being used, whether they are being used effectively and what other techniques can be used to improve the investigations of cold cases in general.

I would be extremely grateful if you could fill out the information presented below in response to this FOI request. If a case that you present is required to be anonymous, can you please mention a code that will be used instead? If there is no retrievable information for the case, can you please mention why?

If you are considering presenting the information in the form of a spreadsheet, can you please follow the same format of the questions in the table below? You can also copy paste the questions below for each case and present the information in a document as well.

Cases in question:

18-005027

09-000491

03-001280

Questions to be answered for each case:

1. Anonymous code for case
2. Manner of death
3. During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?
4. Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?
5. If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.
6. Have the forensic techniques brought any significant leads to the case?
7. Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?
8. During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?
9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

18-005027

- 1 18/01931
- 2 Unknown
- 3 Yes, DNA profiling, anthropological examination and facial reconstruction
- 4 Yes
- 5 Requested the case be included in a pilot project
- 6 No
- 7 Yes
- 8 Yes, Forensic Pathologists, Forensic Anthropologists, Forensic odontologist and the NCA Forensic Advisor
- 9 No

09-000491

- 1 09/02460
- 2 Unknown
- 3 Yes, DNA profiling and anthropology
- 4 Yes
- 5 MPS considered, but not done. Also considered genealogy databases
- 6 No
- 7 No
- 8 Yes, DNA profiling, anthropological examination
- 9 Decision not to do MPS.

03-001280

Following research of the NCA website (linked below) the circumstances documented have not indicated that searches of police systems were necessary in response to this part of your request.

[Case | UK Missing Persons Unit](#)

You can submit a request to the coroner who may hold further information.

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
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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