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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0259

On 06/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please can I get data on the number of luxury watches and handbags that have been stolen between 2019 -2024?

By luxury, I mean watches and handbags worth £2,000 or more. I would like data in calendar years.

I have split my requests up in two sections. Please let me know if you need me to clarify anything, or need anything else from me.

SECTION 1: Luxury watches

1) Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury watches there have been for the following years:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

2) What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury watch brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?

3) What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury watches were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?

SECTION 2: Luxury handbags

1) Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury handbags there have been for the following years:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

2) What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury handbag brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 2024?

3) What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury handbags were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 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 of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2024 where the offence is Theft, and where there is a property item recorded as stolen. A filter has then been applied to identify where the property items fall under the following categories:

- watch|antique|
- watch|watch|
- watch||
- baggage|handbag / shoulder bag|
- handbag / shoulder bag||

A further filter has been applied to extract those records where a value of the stolen item has been recorded, and that value is £2,000 or more. Please note that there is no mandatory requirement to record this information, so there may be further records that have not been extracted from this search.

Watches

Q1.

Month	Year						Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Jan	1						1

Mar						2	2
Apr				1			1
May		1					1
Jun	2	1			3		6
Jul	2				1		3
Aug	1	1				1	3
Sep	1		1				2
Oct			1			1	2
Nov	3	1		1			5
Dec				1			1
Total	10	4	2	3	4	4	27

Q2.

- Rolex
- Rolex - Oyster
- Tag Heuer
- Tudor

Q3.

Location type	Total items stolen
Hospital	1
Sports Facility Changing Rooms	1
Residential Property	2

Handbags:

Q1.

Month	Year						Total
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Jan							
Mar							
Apr							
May							
Jun							
Jul							
Aug							
Sep	1						1
Oct							

Nov							
Dec							
Total	1						

Q2 & 3. No information held.

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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