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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0282

On 11/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data on car theft investigations within your police force's jurisdiction. Specifically, I'd like details on:

1. The total number of reported car thefts in your jurisdiction for each of the last three calendar years (2021, 2022, and 2023).
2. The number of those cases that resulted in a suspect being charged or otherwise identified as the offender.
3. The number of those cases that remain unsolved

If possible, please provide this information in a year-by-year breakdown.

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 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2023 whereby the offence recorded was that of Theft of Motor Vehicle.

The results, broken down by year and police outcome, are as follows:

Police Outcome	2021	2022	2023	Total
01 - Charged/Summons	12	11	11	34
04 - Taken into consideration		4	1	5
08 - Community Resolution		3	2	5
09 - Not in public interest (CPS)			1	1
10 - Not in public interest (Police)			1	1
12 - Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill			1	1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	24	14	20	58
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	37	64	76	177
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	41	44	30	115
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	188	281	414	883
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency		1	1	2
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	2	2		4
22 - Diversionary			1	1
Unknown	2	5	3	10
Total	306	429	562	1297

Please see the below link for further explanation of the police outcomes above:

[Police recorded crime and outcomes open data tables user guide - 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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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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