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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0340

On 25/03/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. For each of the following calendar years, please provide the number of cars reported as stolen to the force.
 - a. 2020
 - b. 2021
 - c. 2022
 - d. 2023
 - e. 2024
2. For each of the following calendar years, please provide the number of cars recovered after being reported stolen.
 - a. 2020
 - b. 2021
 - c. 2022
 - d. 2023
 - e. 2024
3. In each of the following calendar years, please state how many reports of a car being stolen led to a charge or summons.
 - a. 2020
 - b. 2021
 - c. 2022
 - d. 2023
 - e. 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.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted of crimes recorded from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024 whereby the offence recorded was 048/01 – Theft of Motor Vehicle.

As Theft of motor vehicle offences will include any type of vehicle and the property items linked to it may also include items from within the vehicle that are considered stolen (e.g. stereo, tools, handbag etc), in order to restrict the results to just cars and not any items from within the car, only crimes recorded with the following types of property items have been included:

Cars and vans|
Cars and vans|4x4 offroad
Cars and vans|convertible
Cars and vans|coupe
Cars and vans|estate
Cars and vans|hatchback
Cars and vans|mpv
Cars and vans|people carrier
Cars and vans|pick up
Cars and vans|saloon
Cars and vans|sports

[Please note that the Property Item Type of 'Cars and vans|' has been included as there is a specific Property Item Type of 'Cars and vans|van' whereas there isn't just for cars, however, please note that there could still be some vans included in the data retrieved.]

Please see the table below for the number of crimes recorded, along with the current police outcomes (including charged/summons):

Police Outcomes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
01 - Charged/Summons	8	5	7	9	6	1	36
04 - Taken into consideration			4	1	2		7
08 - Community Resolution			2	2			4
09 - Not in public interest (CPS)	1						1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	10	8	8	13	6	3	48

15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	21	19	43	46	32	2	163
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	33	28	22	20	15	7	125
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	125	80	136	150	192	35	718
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	2	2	1				5
No Outcome	1	1	2	2	31	23	60
Total	201	143	225	243	284	71	1167

The number of vehicle property items linked to the above crimes and the number of vehicles that have been recovered is follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
No. Recovered	61	39	34	37	34	13	218
Total Vehicles Stolen	204	144	228	250	290	71	1187

Please note that the above information is only accurate as far as the correct property items have been entered.

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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