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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0622

On 19/06/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding police incidents classified as 'theft of a motor vehicle' where the stolen vehicle was specifically a 'van' or 'light commercial vehicle' (LCV) within your jurisdiction. Please provide the following data for the period January 2020 – December 2024.

Please provide the total number of incidents classified as 'theft of a motor vehicle' where the stolen vehicle was specifically a 'van' or 'light commercial vehicle' (LCV) within your police force area.

I am specifically interested in the theft of vans, and kindly request that you exclude data relating to 'theft from a vehicle' or 'vehicle interference'.

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 that of Theft of Motor Vehicle and the vehicle was recorded as a van. The results are as follows:

Year	No. of Crimes
2020	19
2021	14
2022	30
2023	20
2024	30
Total	113

Please note that the above results are reliant on the vehicle that was recorded as stolen being recorded as a van in the vehicle type field.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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