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Date: 28/01/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0006

On 05/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Theft of parcels

For the most recent 12-month period for which data is available, please provide the total number of recorded crimes involving the theft of delivered parcels from:

- Residential doorsteps
- Designated "safe places" (e.g. porches, sheds, bins, garages).

Please include:

- A monthly breakdown
- The crime classification or offence code used to record these incidents.

Additional Information

If the term "porch piracy" is not used by your force, please interpret this request using the closest equivalent offence categories (for example, theft from outside a dwelling).

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 substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 where the offence of Theft of Mail or Theft from the Person has been recorded. A review of the MO has been carried out. This has identified 4 records that are relevant to your request. Please see the table below for the requested information:

Month	Offence Recorded
Jul-25	Theft of mailbag/postal packet
Aug-25	Theft of mailbag/postal packet
Sept-25	Theft of mailbag/postal packet
Sept-25	Theft of mailbag/postal packet

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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