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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0436

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

The number of reported vehicle thefts in the area that you cover, if any, that remain unsolved and occurred between 2020 and 2025.

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 was completed for "Theft of motor vehicle" and "Taking without consent" which was then filtered by calendar year.

Offence / Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Grand Total
Theft of m/v	413	306	428	562	571	511	251	3042

1 - Charged/Summons	12	11	14	11	20	14	3	85
10 - Not in the public interest (Police)				1	1		1	3
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead				1			1	2
13 - Prosecution prevented - victim/key witness too ill/dead						1		1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	16	24	14	21	11	18	10	114
15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	47	39	64	77	72	47	17	363
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	48	41	44	31	28	35	13	240
17 - Prosecution time limit expired						1		1
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	283	188	280	412	412	360	160	2095
2 - Youth Caution	1						1	2
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency			1	1		1	1	4
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	5	2	2					9
22 - Diversionary			3	1	1	2		7
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)			4	1	2	1		8
5 - Offender died						1		1
8 - Community Resolution				2	3	1		6
9 - Not in the public interest (CPS)	1			1				2
Ongoing		1	2	2	21	29	44	99
Twoc m/v	59	58	75	47	49	63	17	368
1 - Charged/Summons	9	3	5	5	3	5	1	31
12 - Prosecution prevented - suspect too ill/dead		1						1
14 - Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	4	2			1	4	1	12

15 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	4	7	10	8	7	11	1	48
16 - Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	20	34	49	25	24	34	4	190
17 - Prosecution time limit expired	1		1	1	1			4
18 - Investigation complete: no suspect identified	14	8	8	5	10	5	3	53
20 - Action undertaken by another body/agency		1					1	2
21 - Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	1	1						2
22 - Diversionary	5		1					6
4 - Taken into Consideration (TIC)			1	1				2
5 - Offender died	1							1
8 - Community Resolution				2	3	3	1	9
Ongoing		1				1	5	7
Grand Total	472	364	503	609	620	574	268	3410

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
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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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