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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0530

On 03/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please detail the number of reported offences between Jan 23 and Dec 25 where a ceremonial Sikh Kirpan knife/sword was mentioned in the crime report. If possible break the data down into the month it occurred and whether the offence related to possession of the weapon; threat of assault; or some form of assault using the knife.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary does not holds any relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, we searched for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2025 whereby the free text field contained the word 'Kirpan'. 0 records were returned.

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,

Disclosure Officer
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