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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0559

On 10/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Can Gloucestershire Constabulary please provide figures on;

1. Reports of industrial fuel thefts, whereby large amounts of fuel have been taken from industrial sites/ heavy machinery / infrastructure works and vehicles
2. Reports of heating oil thefts from private property/homes
3. Reports of motorists driving away from petrol stations without paying

Please can the figures relating to the above be drawn from the period between 01/03/26 - 08/06/26

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, several searches were conducted. The first was of the Constabulary's crime recording database for substantiated crimes from 01/03/26 - 08/06/26 whereby the offence category was theft, with a keyword search applied of "fuel". The offences searched included:

- 039/00 / 39 Theft from the Person
- 040/00 / 40 Theft in a dwelling
- 041/00 / 41 Theft by an employee
- 045/00 / 45 Theft from a motor vehicle
- 045/11 / 49 Other theft
- 049/10 / 49 Other theft

- 049/12 / 49 Other theft

A second search was conducted for substantiated crimes during the same time period you provided, under the offence category of theft, with the offence 'making off without payment'.

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.

In response to the questions you asked:

Q1 – 4 records were returned that were relevant to your question about theft from industrial sites/ heavy machinery / infrastructure works and vehicles

Q2 – 0 records were returned that were relevant to theft of heating oil from private homes/properties

Q3 – 112 records were returned and these were manually reviewed to establish relevance to your query. 91 records involved motorists driving away from petrol stations without paying under the offence "making off without payment".

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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