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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0694

On 21/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

As a freedom of information request, please provide the following:

1. The top ten individuals with the highest number of recorded shoplifting offences within your police force area between 2020-21 to 2025-26. Split the number of recorded shoplifting offences attributed to them by financial year and provide a total across the period.
2. For each of those individuals, provide the number of offences resulting in charge/summons, caution, no further action split by financial year and a total across the period.
3. The total number of suspects identified for recorded shoplifting offences for each financial year between 2020-21 and 2025-26, split by whether they had been identified in relation to a single shoplifting offence or more than one shoplifting offences.

I am not asking for the identity of the individuals, please anonymise them with a unique identifier. If it is not possible to provide the top ten, provide the top five. If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, I would be happy to refine the request.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was undertaken of the Constabulary's crime recording database for shoplifting offences recorded from 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2026. The information was filtered to locate the number of offences committed per offender, and the outcomes of these offences.

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.

1. Top Ten Offenders

Offender	Total Count of Shoplifting Offences
A	85
B	72
C	55
D	54
E	52
F	51
G	51
H	48
I	47
J	45

Financial Year Breakdown

Offender	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
A	6	0	11	14	24	30
B	0	11	12	3	19	27
C	12	2	4	8	14	15
D	0	7	0	3	8	36
E	0	0	33	10	9	0
F	9	5	10	16	11	0
G	13	14	10	3	3	8
H	0	0	0	4	44	0
I	0	0	0	0	0	47
J	10	3	0	30	2	0

2. Outcome Data

Offender	Charged / Summons	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	Prosecution time limit expired	Investigation complete: no suspect identified	Taken into Consideration	Community Resolution	Ongoing	Total
A	41	1				42		1	85
B	36			2		34			72
C	44			1		10			55
D	21					32		1	54
E	27	3	2			20			52
F	24	2				25			51
G	42		1			5	2	1	51
H	26	4				18			48
I	38	3				4	2		47
J	20	1	1		1	22			45

Financial Year Breakdown

As the data set you requested is large, it is not possible to fit a summary into this letter. Therefore, I am attaching a .csv file: *26_0694 Offenders and Outcomes by Financial Year*, which includes the breakdown you have requested.

3. Number of Offenders

In total, 1524 offenders were recorded as committing shoplifting offences of which 1175 made multiple offences and 349 recorded as committing 1 offence only.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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