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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_1075

On 10/11/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For crimes recorded by your force between 1 January 2022 and 31 October 2026:

1. The number of recorded offences of theft, burglary and robbery where the property recorded as stolen includes a games console, by calendar year. By this I mean a property type/category for games consoles, or a stolen-property description containing "PlayStation", "PS4", "PS5", "Xbox", "Nintendo Switch", "Switch 2" or "Steam Deck".

2. The same figures broken down by offence type (theft / burglary (residential and business) / robbery) and by console brand (PlayStation / Xbox / Nintendo / Steam Deck / other or unspecified).

3. The number of the offences in (1) that took place in December of each year.

Following clarification on 11/11/2026, you confirmed the following:

Thank you for your email about FOI 26_1075. I would like incident data, please.

Please search incident data for the same keywords ("PlayStation", "PS4", "PS5", "Xbox", "Nintendo Switch", "Switch 2", "Steam Deck") for incidents recorded between 1 January 2022 and 31 October 2026, and provide:
1. The number of matching incidents by calendar year.
2. The number of those incidents that took place in December of each year.

If the matching incidents can also be broken down by incident type (for example theft, burglary, robbery) or by console brand, that would be helpful, but it is not essential. An electronic keyword search is sufficient; I am not asking you to review individual records.

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

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

Following receipt of your request and further clarification, a search was conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's incident recording data system for incidents between 1 January 2022 and 31 October 2026 which contained the following key words: "PlayStation", "PS4", "PS5", "Xbox", "Nintendo Switch", "Switch 2" or "Steam Deck". I manually reviewed the data retrieved for those incidents recorded in December in each year; this is detailed below.

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.

I can confirm the following:

Key Word	Total Incidents / Incidents in December per year
PlayStation	1008 records located Dec 2022: 6 Dec 2023: 27 Dec 2024: 17 Dec 2025: 16
PS4	We are required to search for 4 characters or more, so this search is not possible.
PS5	We are required to search for 4 characters or more, so this search is not possible.
Xbox	1460 records located Dec 2022: 33 Dec 2023: 39 Dec 2024: 40 Dec 2025: 15
Nintendo Switch	241 records located Dec 2022: 10 Dec 2023: 10 Dec 2024: 7 Dec 2025: 3

Switch 2	20 records located Dec 2022: 0 Dec 2023: 0 Dec 2024: 0 Dec 2025: 0
Steam Deck	8 records located Dec 2022: 0 Dec 2023: 0 Dec 2024: 0 Dec 2025: 0

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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