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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 10th February 2022

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 127

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th February 2022 concerning Car Thefts.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Business Performance Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and Our Response) :

1. How many cars did you have reported as stolen in your police force area over in following months in 2019, 2020 and 2021?

The number of reports made to Wiltshire Police of Aggravated Vehicle Taking (Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle) over the last 3 years are shown in the table below.

Please note, these reports comprise crimes and non-crime incidents that have been reported to Wiltshire Police:-



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Reported Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	65	49	34
Feb	62	52	27
Mar	42	58	26
Apr	40	44	45
May	46	41	33
Jun	41	36	38
Jul	69	37	39
Aug	62	47	32
Sep	50	49	48
Oct	54	54	43
Nov	56	52	55
Dec	54	30	42

2. Please state the total reported value of cars stolen over the following years: [2019, 2020, 2021]

Year	Value
2019	
2020	
2021	

No information held – see note below

3. Over the following timeframe, how many reports of the theft of the following items from cars has your force received? [2019, 2020, 2021]

Item	2019	2020	2021
Catalytic converters			
Tyres and/or wheels			
Batteries			
Stereo systems			
Roof boxes			
Bicycle racks			
Number plates			
Wing mirrors			
Steering wheels			
Electronic components			
Other			

No information held – see note below

4. Please state the total reported value of different parts stolen over the following years: [2019, 2020, 2021]

Item	2019	2020	2021
Catalytic converters			
Tyres and/or wheels			
Batteries			
Stereo systems			
Roof boxes			
Bicycle racks			
Number plates			
Wing mirrors			
Steering wheels			
Electronic components			
Other			

No information held – see note below

Please Note :

Whilst our crime recording systems are sophisticated, we do not hold the value of vehicles stolen or the type and value of car parts stolen in any searchable fields on our database(s).

In many cases this information is either subjective or not even known, let alone recorded. It needs to be noted that the recording of this information is not mandatory from a crime recording perspective.

Even if this information was held, it would only be recorded in the narrative of the occurrence log of the offence concerned and locating it would inevitably mean that other exemptions would apply in respect of us replying to this request.

Given the sheer volume of reports listed in Questions 1, 2 and 3 of your request any response we would make in respect of these manual searches would be exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act as the time involved to search for this information would far exceed the obligations on this Authority to provide.

It should also be noted that as an FOI response is effectively a disclosure to the public domain, Wiltshire Police would never countenance a disclosure of information that was either subjective or incomplete as the provision of any information for Questions 2, 3 and 4 would inevitably be.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, please find below the volumes of reports made to Wiltshire Police of Thefts from a Motor Vehicle – note, these numbers comprise crimes and non-crime incidents :-

Reported Year	Thefts from a Motor Vehicle
2019	1642
2020	1284
2021	1137

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
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