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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 9th March 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 188

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 6th February 2023 concerning Persons Bailed and RUI'd.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information.

In each of the calendar years (January 1 to December 31) going back to January 1 2018 to present day, how many people were bailed having been arrested on suspicion of:

- Rape and other serious sexual offences
- Murder
- Aggravated Burglary
- Robbery
- Violence against the person

For each of the above, please can you break them down by ethnicity?

For those same offences, how many people were arrested and Released Under Investigation (RIU)?

For each of the above, please can you break them down by ethnicity?

Please provide the information in the form of an email



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Our response:

Prior to October 2022, Wiltshire Police had system issues on our Niche Crime Recording system which precluded the accurate reporting of individuals that were bailed.

Whilst information on Police bail was accurate, the information in respect of CPS bail was not recorded on our system(s) correctly. As a consequence, this meant Wiltshire Police were unable to effectively complete our ADR's (Annual Data Returns) to the Home Office - to whom the Force self-referred when this issue was recognised.

CPS bail is generally used for minor discretions such as warrant breeches, failure to obey Court Orders and so and generally not for the specific offences you have asked for in this request although this can also happen on occasion.

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet, which provides you with details of those Individuals either bailed or RUI'd for the offences you are interested in since January 2018.

It should be noted that whilst we have provided information separately for Murder (Homicide), the totals for Homicides are included within the figures provided for VAP (Violence Against the Person) offences.

Please be aware this information comes with the caveat that the bail information provided relates to Police Bail only and not CPS bail.

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
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