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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 5th May 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 516

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th May 2023 concerning Thefts from a Motor Vehicle.

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:

- 1) The total number of reports received of items stolen from a motor vehicle, broken down by year, in 2021, 2022 and 2023

Year	2021	2022	2023 (January – March if available)	Total

- 2) The reported estimated average value of the items stolen from a motor vehicle, broken down by year, in 2021, 2022 and 2023



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Year	2021	2022	2023 (January – March if available)	Total

- 3) The reported estimated total value of the items stolen from a motor vehicle, broken down by year, in 2021, 2022 and 2023

Year	2021	2022	2023 (January – March if available)	Total

Our response:

Question 1

The total number of crimes reported to Wiltshire Police of Thefts of a Motor Vehicle have been as follows :-

2021 1,101
2022 1,271
2023 310 (Jan-Mar)

Questions 2 and 3

No Information Held

There is no obligation on an Authority to provide an explanation as to why they provide a No Information Held response. However, in this instance – and under our Section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant – I am happy to provide some context in this instance.

Whilst our crime recording systems are sophisticated and we have a number of designated fields in which we record various aspects of a given crime (and which we can then run automated searches on to locate information), we do not have any specific fields in which we can record what has been stolen in a theft offence or the value of it.

If it is held at all, that information would only be held within either the narrative of the occurrence log, in the body of a reported call log, contained somewhere in a case file or mentioned in a

statement. In a lot of instances, the exact details of what has been stolen (or its value) is not even reported to us and – if it was – there is a possibility it might not have been recorded anyway.

The only way to try and locate detail like this would necessitate locating and reading each and every occurrence log, call log, statement, etc for every case of Theft from a Motor Vehicle which has been reported to us for the time period you require. Were we to do that, not only would the information be incomplete, it would not be representative of the true picture and the process of undertaking that task would inevitably result in us exempting a response to you under Section 12 of The FOIA as it would be too time-consuming and costly to undertake this task.

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
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk