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disclosure@wiltshire.police.ukDate: 30th May 2023**Our ref: FOI 2023/539**

Reply contact name: Millie Rumley

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th May 2023 concerning 'sextortion'.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I would like to submit another request under the Freedom of Information Act relating to data on sextortion cases recorded by your police force that is more easily retrievable.

Please understand 'sextortion' to be an offence of blackmail under Home Office code 35, in which an attempt was made to extract payment by the threat of distributing or publishing intimate/ sexual images.

1. Between September 2020 to the present day, what was the total number of sextortion online cases reported?

2. For each recorded incident please provide the following details: victim gender, and crime outcome where possible.

Response:

Total Reported incidents between September 2020 - April 2023	674
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Outcome/Victim's Gender	F	M	NULL
1: Summoned/postal requisition		1	
1A: Alternate offence charged	1		
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	4	18	
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1	
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	7	17	1
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	7	12	
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	57	477	
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy		2	
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest		2	
Cancelled/transferred	5	18	
New	13	29	2

N.B - Reported month year - 1st September 2020 - 30th April 2023

Home office code 35

Local qualifer - Cyber related

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,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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