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Via email



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Our ref **FOI 2024/1149**

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/11/2023 concerning 'ram-raids'.

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 Team at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

Could I please request the following: For the last 5 years, could I please have the number of crimes in each year where 'ram-raid' or an adjacent descriptor has been used when describing an offense?

Normally, crimes are not recorded as ram-raids, as a ram-raid isn't a specific offense and is instead a description of an action, within a burglary for example. Sometimes there is a dangerous driving charge laid. By ram-raid, I refer to where a vehicle has been used to break and enter into a premises.

Response

Please see the following table:

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Reported Year	Occ Summary	Ram	Offence Description	Occ Type
2018	Unknown suspect/s have rammed a vehicle through the 10ft metal gates of private paddocks, causing them to be left bent, kicked in door to tack room (nothing stolen) The stole a caravan and number plates (attached) by unknown means removing a substansive lock on the ball connection. TVO £600 including contents inside	1	Burglary residential	Crime
2018	BUSINESS: 6 or 7 Male Suspects have used a stolen vehicle to ram the main front doors to the premises and once inside they have ripped out the ATM possibly using the same vehicle. Once away from the wall the Suspects have then put the ATM into the rear of another vehicle before making off.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2018	Unknown suspects have broken into IP's garage by ramming the garage door up, they have then proceeded to steal IP's push bike.	1	Burglary residential	Crime
2018	Unknown suspects have broken into the IP's farm by ram raiding the gates and have cut the padlock off a shipping container.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2019	Unknown suspect(s) have rammed there vehicle into the front of the building causing the shutters to collapse, suspect(s) have gained entry but unsure what has been stolen at this moment in time.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2019	Stolen vehicle has been used to ram raid a store and has made off with a quantity of stock.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2019	A vehicle has rammed heavy timber gates to garden nursery leaving a tail light behind. Door to building bashed and cash till smashed open.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2020	Unknown suspect(s) have used unknown means to break into IP's garage. Suspect(s) have cut the padlock and rammed the garage door, they have also scraped IP's vehicle which was backed up to the garage. The suspect(s) have stolen 4 bikes and accessories from the garage.	1	Burglary residential	Crime
2020	Unknown suspect/s have gained entry to the premises by unknown means without damaging the main gates which were locked. They have then made their way south-east from the main entrance to the a barn where diesel is stored. They have used bolt cutters on the chain and deadlock and proceeded to steal approximately 1000 litres of red diesel.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime

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	They have also rammed a garage which contains karts for the kart track but failed to gain entry. They have stolen a number of wheelbarrows; it is possible they filled fuel cans with the diesel, loaded them into the wheelbarrows and wheeled them half a mile to the entrance. Total value of theft and damage not currently known.			
2021	CCTV shows a large white panel van ram the gates and the metal doors and lock are cut through. Various tools have been stolen TVO £4500 and the damage to the doors, lock and electrics is £1000	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2021	Entry has been gained into the IP's business by ramming the shutters with a vehicle. Property taken	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2022	Third party report of damage caused to garage door possibly by ramming with a vehicle believed in an attempt to gain entry and steal. Garage owned by local authority and rented out to residents. No entry gained and nothing appears stolen	1	Burglary residential	Crime
2022	Unknown suspect used unknown vehicle to ram main shutters of the garage.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2022	Unknown suspect has rammed the metal roller door on grain store at agricultural location. Vehicle possibly used as paint and pieces of rear lights left at scene. Nothing appears stolen	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2023	Unknown suspects have gained entry to the IPs premises by ramming the gate, they have then stolen hand held leaf blowers and tools and the IPs vehicle and keys to other vehicles have been stolen but not the vehicles	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2023	Unknown suspects have gained entry to the workshop after raming the door to gain entry and stealing vairous items from inside and dowsing the area with petrol or diesel. Approx value £7,000	1	Burglary business and community	Crime
2023	Unknown suspects have broken into the IPs farm and stolen vehicles. Whilst Police responded to this report a police vehicle was rammed by a suspect vehicle.	1	Burglary business and community	Crime

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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

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.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

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Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>