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Our ref: 2024-431

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19th April 2024 regarding the Malicious Damage Act 1861.

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 Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote (and our response):

For each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated related to the "Malicious Damage Act 1861" in a property in 2021, 2022 and 2023:

Reported Year	Crimes
Totals	0
2021	0
2022	0
2023	0

For each of the following periods, please state how many cases were investigated related to the "Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)" in 2021, 2022 and 2023:

Reported Year	Crimes
Totals	14
2021	4
2022	7

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2023	3
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For each of the following periods, please state how many of these investigations related to the "Theft Act 1968: Section 13 (for abstraction of electricity)" were suspected to be for the cultivation or manufacture of illegal drugs in 2021, 2022 and 2023:

Reported Year	Crimes
Totals	3
2021	3
2022	0
2023	0

Under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, regarding the first question, there is no specific offence on our systems in relation to your request that come under the Malicious Act 1861. This type of damage would be typically recorded under one of 15 offences within the umbrella of Criminal Damage. I have provided the data for these below, in case this assists with your request:

Offence Description / Reported Year	2021	2022	2023
Criminal damage to a building - business and community (over £5000)	2	7	
Criminal damage to a building - business and community (under £5000)	448	190	
Criminal damage to a building - business and community endangering life	6	2	5
Criminal damage to a residence (over £5000)	10	1	
Criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)	992	365	
Criminal damage to a residence endangering life		1	
Criminal damage to other property (over £5000)	13	4	
Criminal damage to other property (under £5000)	1627	551	
Criminal damage to other property endangering life		1	
Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (over £5000)		5	7
Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (under £5000)	1	322	627
Other criminal damage to a residence (under £5000)		682	1069
Other criminal damage to residence (over £5000)		7	5
Other criminal damage, other (over £5000)		31	25
Other criminal damage, other (under £5000)	5	955	1327
Total	3104	3124	3065

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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