

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 20/08/2025

Our ref: **FOI 2025/796**

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/08/2025 concerning high value watch thefts (Refined FOI).

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

14/08 Original request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the latest statistics you hold on thefts of **watches valued at £3,000 or more** within your force area.

Please include any notifiable offence types in which a qualifying watch was recorded as stolen (for example: theft from person, robbery, burglary, vehicle crime, etc.), where this can be filtered from your crime recording system.

1) Counts by time period

- Total number of offences meeting the above criteria for:
 - **01/01/2022–31/12/2022**
 - **01/01/2023–31/12/2023**
 - **01/01/2024–31/12/2024**
 - **01/01/2025–31/07/2025** (part year)

2) Geographic breakdown

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For the same periods, a breakdown by your standard local geography (e.g., **city, borough/district, LPA, or command unit**). Please state which geography you are using.

3) Brand / model

For the same periods, where recorded, the **most commonly stolen watch brands and models** (e.g., Rolex Daytona, Omega Speedmaster, Audemars Piguet Royal Oak), with counts. If model isn't consistently recorded, brand alone is fine.

4) Recoveries

For the same periods, the number of qualifying watches **recovered** (and, if recorded, how many were returned to owners).

5) Offence type (if readily available)

A breakdown by **offence classification** (e.g., robbery, theft from person, burglary), with counts for each period

Refinement:

If you were to do keyword searches just for the top ten watch brands as mentioned in the Met's response, "Rolex", "Cartier", "Omega", "Patek Philippe", "Breitling", "Hublot", "Audemars Piguet", "IWC" and "Tudor" would this make it feasible for you to provide a response?

Response:

Please note:

- Data for Q2 is provided by Beat Name
- Some values recorded are historic not current market value. Not all occurrences have a value recorded so these have been excluded as not confirmed over £3k value. All values are approximate
- Some occurrences where the watch has not been recovered are still open and under investigation
- Some occurrences have been closed as civil matters so recovery of the watch is unknown
- Watch model is not consistently recorded so not included in the response
- In some occurrences, more than one watch was stolen. The brand is given for all watches

1.

	Distinct Count of OccNo
2022	9
2023	5
2024	3
2025	4
Grand Total	20

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2.

BEAT NAME	2022	2023	2024	2025
Alderbury & Laverstock	2			
Blunsdon	1			
Bradford On Avon Rural		1		
Chiseldon & Badbury			1	
Colebrook				1
Cricklade & Purton				1
Devizes Town		1	1	
Eastcott	1			
Friary & Southampton Rd				1
Lawn			1	
Marlborough Rural West	1			
Ridgeway Villages	1			
Shaw & Eastleaze	1			
St Andrews Ridge		2		
Victoria Road		1		
Warminster Town	1			
Woodhall Park & Taw Hill				1

3.

BRAND	2022	2023	2024	2025
Breitling		3		
Cartier	3		1	1
Omega	1			1
Rolex	7	3	2	2

4.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Recovered	2	1	0	0
Returned to Owner	1	1	0	0

5.

OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	2022	2023	2024	2025
Action Fraud - Call for Service			1	
Burglary residential	1	1		
Residential burglary of a home			1	
Robbery personal	1			
Theft from the person of another		1		
Theft if not classified elsewhere		1	1	1
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	2	2		3
Theft in dwelling other than auto machine or meter	1			
Theft other	3			

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

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



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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

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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

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/>