



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 15/05/2026

Our ref: FOI 2026/425

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/05/2026 concerning vehicle thefts.

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:

The number of reported vehicle thefts in the area that you cover, if any, that remain unsolved and occurred between 2020 and 2025.

Response:

Reported date 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2025

Theft of a motor vehicle / Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle							
Detection Status	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
1: Charged	15	9	6	10	7	3	50
1: Summoned/postal requisition	20	9	4	2	2	5	42
1A: Alternate offence charged	4	-	2	1	3	3	13
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	-	1	1	4	1	1	8
2: Youth conditional caution	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
3: Adult caution	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
3: Adult conditional caution	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
4: TIC (taken into consideration)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
5: Offender has died	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
8: Community resolution	3	2	-	1	1	2	9
8: Youth restorative disposal	-	-	-	1	-	3	4

12: Named suspect identified but is dead or too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	6	8	8	10	5	2	39
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	6	3	4	6	2	-	21
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	54	45	53	33	49	34	268
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	49	40	49	40	25	38	241
17: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	2	1	-	-	-	-	3
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	279	254	331	347	418	329	1958
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	1	1	1	1	-	-	4
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	-	-	1	1	1	4	7
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
New	1	1	1	2	12	7	24
Total	445	375	462	460	526	435	2703

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



Keeping Wiltshire Safe

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700

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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/>