

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

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Date 17th July 2026

Our Ref FOI 2026-603

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30th June 2026, concerning Spotify crimes.

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:

- 1) Please can you state for crime reports recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "Spotify" in each of the following calendar years:
 - i) 2022
 - ii) 2023
 - iii) 2024
 - iv) 2025
 - v) 2026 (up to June 1)

Additionally, for part 1 - can you please state the type of offence too.

- 2) Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force in between 1 January and 1 June 2026.

Our response:

Please note: This data was obtained by completing a summary search for the term "Spotify". The accuracy and reliability of these searches cannot be guaranteed as only the MO / summary field of the report is searched. If this term is mentioned elsewhere (i.e. within the call log, crime report, statements etc) these will not be returned in the results. Additionally, if the term is misspelt within the MO / summary field, this will not be returned. To provide accurate results would require

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manually interrogating each crime within the specified timeframe to establish its relevance to your request.

2025 x 1 - Stalking involving serious alarm/distress

2026 x 1 - Threaten to share intimate photograph or film - Unknown person has befriended IP online and over a number of months has pretended to be in a relationship with them. During this time the IP has sent money via Paypal to the person as gifts and to help them purchase a phone. IP was informed that person had died. IP has recently seen the person on Spotify and has contacted them again asking about what happened. They have then made threats to share intimate photos and videos of the IP over social media.

Please note, some minor redactions have been made to the free text summary to remove identifying factors.

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,

FDU Decision Maker