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XXXXXX – by email

Date: 17th July 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 660

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th July 2026 concerning Vehicles used as weapons etc.

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 not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

You wrote:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request statistical information regarding two specific types of vehicle-related incidents.

Please can you provide the following data for the last three years (2023, 2024, 2025). Additionally, please provide details for year to date from 1st January 2026:

1. How many recorded incidents has your force documented involving a targeted "vehicle as a weapon" attack on individuals/persons?
2. How many recorded incidents has your force documented involving a collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian not defined as a "vehicle as a weapon" attack eg dangerous driving, driving under the influence, medical episode at the wheel etc.
3. How many recorded incidents has your force documented involving the "ram-raiding" of premises?
4. Where available, please categorise the above incidents (1-3) by:



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- a) General location type (e.g., retail/commercial, public space, residential).
- b) Year of occurrence.
- c) Whether the incident resulted in physical injury or fatality.
- d) Whether the incident resulted in theft
- e) If answered yes to d, please state the value of the theft if known.
- f) If the incident was investigated by counter terrorism units

4. Please state whether the above incidents (1-3) were as a result of

- i) Targeted attack
- ii) Driving under the influence of alcohol
- iii) Driving under the influence of drugs
- iv) Medical episode
- v) Carelessness
- vi) Unlicensed driver

Our response:

The information that you are requesting for the majority of your request is not stored in a way which permits easy retrieval.

Incidents and crimes related to the topics you mention are not all stored on one system within Wiltshire Police.

Crimes with the potential to go through the Court process are generally recorded on our Niche Crime Recording system. Injury-related RTC's are recorded on a number of different systems within our Justice Traffic Department.

The records on our Niche system are recorded in accordance with current Home Office crime recording codes and whilst this system is fairly sophisticated and contains a number of dedicated fields in which certain specifics about a crime are recorded (such as victim name, suspect dob, witness ethnicity and so on) – which can then theoretically be used to search for specific information – there are no designated fields in which we record any of the following :-

- whether intent was involved in a given crime when a pedestrian was injured
- whether a vehicle was essentially used as a “weapon” in the incident
- what items were stolen in an alleged theft (or their value)
- whether Counter Terrorism units were involved in any way (or not)
- whether an attack was targeted

- whether a medical episode was involved in any way
- the general location of a crime (be it retail / commercial / public or private space etc)

If we even held this information, it would only be recorded in either the full occurrence log of a crime or in the associated documents such as records of interview, statements, other supporting evidence and so on – none of which are possible to be searched quickly and efficiently by electronic means.

With regards to Q3 of your request concerning “Ram Raiding”, there is no specific HO Crime Code for recording crimes of this type. Instead, there are likely to be recorded under one or more of the following :-

Criminal Damage

Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society

Public Order and so on

With regards to the information held on our various systems within Justice Traffic, the same limitations apply – not everything required is recorded in dedicated fields NOR easily searchable by electronic means. Indeed Justice Traffic systems invariably hold less data concerning a given crime or incident than Niche does.

In summary, the ascertaining of the information you require would only be possible by physically reading every crime occurrence log held on either our Niche or Justice Traffic systems for offences relevant to the crimes you require and making a note of the relevant details.

For the time period you have requested, within our Niche system there have been nearly 400 crimes recorded where death or injury have been recorded in relation to driving offences or where dangerous driving has been identified.

There have been a further more than 13,000 Public Order, 15,000 Criminal Damage and 3,000 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society recorded that might contain a number that are related to “Ram Raiding”.

Allowing a very conservative 5 minutes per record to undertake the task of locating and reviewing and making a note of the information you require, this will take in excess of 2,600 man-hours to achieve.

This is even before we even start to consider the information held within the Justice Traffic database on RTC involving pedestrians.

Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits. This is set at £450 calculated at a flat rate of £25 per hour for those work activities comprising of confirming the information is held, locating it, retrieving it and extracting it.

Please also note that if one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is due to the fact that locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations.

It should also be noted that there is no obligation on an Authority under the FOIA to *create information* where none exists today simply to answer an FOI request.

Although excess cost removes the forces' obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request. What I am able to provide you are the answers documented below :-

Crimes recorded on Niche during this time period where injuries and deaths occurred to individuals or dangerous driving was recorded :-

HO Code	Description	Crimes since Jan 2023
004/04	Causing death by dangerous driving	9
004/06	Causing death by dangerous driving (drink and drugs)	2
004/08	Cause death by careless or inconsiderate injury	14
004/09	Cause death by driving : unlicensed or uninsured drivers	0
004/12	Cause serious injury by dangerous driving	17
004/13	Cause death by driving without due care and consideration whilst over the prescribed limit	0
004/17	Causing death by driving whilst disqualified	0
004/18	Causing serious injury by driving whilst disqualified	0
004/19	Cause serious injury by careless or inconsiderate driving	17
008/04	Drivers injuring persons by furious driving	0
014/19	Causing serious injury by careless / inconsiderate driving	0
037/01	Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	0
131/03	Aggravated vehicle taking (damage to vehicle or property <5000)	77
802/00	Dangerous Driving	238
TOTAL		374

Crimes recorded on Niche during this period where "Ram Raiding" offences may be recorded :-

Crime Types	Crimes since Jan 2023
Public Order	13,324
Criminal Damage	15,007
Misc Crimes Against Society	3,417
TOTAL	31,748

Pedestrian Injuries recorded during this period in Justice Traffic system(s) :-

Types of Injury	Pedestrian Injuries Recorded
Fatal	16
Serious	167
Slight	438
TOTAL	621

Ordinarily under our section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, we would advise you how to refine your request to a more manageable level. However, due to the difficulties outlined above, I cannot see how this can be achieved in this particular case.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 12: Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

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



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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.pnn.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 Fol 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:

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 01625 545 700
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