

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

XXXX

11 August 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/07/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 14/07/2010, for the following information:

Request

1. In the 2009/10 financial year how many individuals did your force charge with the offence of murder?
2. How many of the individuals referred to in Q.1 were at the time they were alleged to have committed the offence either on police or court bail?
3. If you can provide a breakdown of how many were on (a) police bail and (b) court bail then I would be grateful. If it is not possible or would put the cost of the question over the prescribed limit then please ignore Q.3.

Response

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held in part by Greater Manchester Police (GMP).

Question 1. In 2009/10 GMP charged 53 individuals with murder. Please note that three (3) of these charges were for manslaughter offences, this is because the crimes in question were originally recorded as such but after review by GMP's Crime Audit team, they were reclassified as murder.

Question 2. No information held to satisfy your request, namely, none of the individuals were on bail at the time the offences were committed.

Question 3. No information held to satisfy your request, please answer at question 2.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me, on telephone number 0161 856 2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Information Access Officer

Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch, Police Headquarters,
Chester House, Boyer Street, Manchester M16 0RE
Tel: 0161 856 2529/2668, Fax: 0161 856 2535, Minicom: 0161 872 6633,
Email: freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Information Governance Unit, Information Management Branch
Greater Manchester Police
Police Headquarters
Chester House
Boyer Street
Manchester
M16 0RE

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700