

**Information Governance Unit
Information Management Branch**

11th November 2008

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/10/2008, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 07/10/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) How many people "jumped bail" in 2007 in (a) Oldham (b) Rochdale and (c) Greater Manchester?**
- 2) How many of those people are still at large at the most recent time for which you have data (e.g. at the end of August 2008) in (a) Oldham (b) Rochdale and (c) Greater Manchester?**

By "jumped bail", I am referring to people bailed to reappear in court and then illegitimately failing to do so.

Further to this, the second part of my question therefore refers to the above people (from 2007) who have still failed to appear at a given point this year - preferably July or August if you have data for this.

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 by Greater Manchester Police.

People bailed to reappear in court then illegitimately failing to do so is recorded as Fail to Appear, and a Fail to Appear warrant would be issued. A warrant is issued by the Court in relation to the non-appearance at Court of an individual who has failed to appear at court having been charged with or summonsed for an offence, which requires their attendance at court. Therefore the following figures illustrate the number of Fail to Appear warrants issued in 2007 - please note, these are the numbers **issued** – it is possible that an individual can have more than one warrant issued against them.

Oldham = 718 Rochdale = 813 Total for Greater Manchester = 7322

The following are the number of Fail to Appear warrants outstanding from 2007:

Oldham = 17 Rochdale = 14 Total for Greater Manchester = 243

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