

**Information Governance Unit  
Information Management Branch**

XXXX

1 September 2010

Dear XXXX

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/08/2010, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 03/08/10, for the following information:

**Your Request**

1. Since 1.1.60 until 31.12.10 how many murders committed in your force area remain undetected? Please note that I do not require a conviction as evidence of detection just some kind of official recognition by your force that a prime suspect has been established even if he/she was not brought to justice.
2. Of those undetected murders how many have been linked to other undetected murders.

Note: What I am asking for here is essentially how many of your undetected murders have you linked to each other because of evidence and so believe could have been committed by the same suspect but where the suspect is still unknown. So the answer could be (1) 50 unsolved murders. (2) of which one set of two are linked to each other, another set of two are linked to each other and one set of four and all linked to each other.

Note: If the time period goes back too far for your records I am content for you to shorten the timescale but please make this clear in your reply.

Reduce scope of the request to end on the 31.12.09.

**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 by Greater Manchester Police.

The information requested for the period is 148 undetected murders and none were linked to each other.

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

## **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](http://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