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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011081/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

total figures & breakdowns, looking at car/motorbike/van-thefts between May 2022 – May 2023:

The number of cars, motorbikes, vans stolen in total The brand of cars, motorbikes, vans stolen (e.g. Range Rover, Ford, Mercedes) The colour of cars, motorbikes, vans stole (e.g. Red, blue, white, silver)

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide a breakdown on the vehicle specifics in this request would require a manual search of all the recorded crimes reported under the relevant HO codes. A search of GMP records show over 10,000 reports and as such it is anticipated it would take in excess of 900hrs to determine which records are relevant to your request.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be scaled back in relation to the

information you require. E.G removing the question about the total number of car brands/colour etc would mean we could possibly provide a breakdown of the number of reports under the relevant HO Codes. See below.

37/2 *Aggravated Vehicle Taking*

48 *Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle*

However, the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.