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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011651/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

Can you provide me with the number of sextortion cases reported to Greater Manchester Police - broken down by calendar year for the past five years - so 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Of those reports, if possible please could you provide me with the number which have led to further action - arrest, charge, conviction, ongoing, etc.

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.

Caveats

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

*The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Code **035/00 Blackmail** for the period 01/01/2019-31/10/2023.*

The data returned was then searched for on the keywords 'Sextortion' in the MO Description.

The month relates to when the crime was committed (where possible) and not when the incident was recorded.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Please note 2019 figures may be impacted by the GMP system change in mid-July 2019.

Reply

	Volume of 'Sextortion' Crimes	Charge	Caution	Decision Pending	Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified	Locate Trace	Restorative Justice	Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified	Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence Police	Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence Other	Suspect Identified - Victim Does Not Support	Suspect Not Identified - Victim Refuses	Missing Value
2019	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
2020	15	-	-	-	6	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
2021	17	-	-	-	4	-	-	11	-	-	2	-	-
2022	141	-	-	-	58	-	1	80	-	-	2	-	-
2023	969	-	-	2	231	3	-	675	10	2	11	-	35
Total	1146	0	0	2	299	3	1	776	10	2	15	1	37