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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011331/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/09/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to make a FOI request regarding shoplifting statistics. I wanted to know the following:

Demographic - that is racial breakdown (Black African, Black Caribbean, Asian Indian, Asian Pakistani, Asian Bangladeshi, White British, White Irish etc) of charged shoplifters in Greater Manchester between 2019 and 2023.

Result of Searches

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.

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.

- This data contains crimes with a Home Office classification of 46: Shoplifting, with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 31/08/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Charges have been identified using GMP outcomes 1A Charge and 1C Charged Alternative Offence.

- We are aware of a system issue affecting suspect outcomes for migrated crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to migrated crimes may be incorrect.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. For this reason, the total number of charges in the table is not the same as the number of crimes.
- Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Please see our response in the table below.

Self Declared Ethnicity at Time of Crime	Count of Charges
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	82
Asian - Bangladeshi	27
Asian - Indian	6
Asian - Pakistani	105
Black - African	62
Black - Any Other Black Background	125
Black - Caribbean	57
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	83
Mixed - White and Asian	13
Mixed - White and Black African	81
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	118
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	58
Other - Arab	1
Other - Chinese	1
White - Any Other White Background	251
White - British	6349
White - Irish	143
Unknown	1521

Yours sincerely,