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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013075/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Which postcodes in your jurisdiction have the most incidences of car theft?***
- 2. How many car thefts have been recorded in 2024, so far?***
- 3. How many car thefts have been recorded in the entirety of 2023?***

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, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of the offences related to vehicle theft. A review will be required to know if the offence is a car related theft. There are over 11k crimes recorded between 1st January 2023 and 31st July 2024 under the following crime classifications (*37/2 - Aggravated Vehicle Taking & 48 - Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle) and to complete this review and provide a response will exceed the 18hrs permitted to do so.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.