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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012034/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I hope this letter finds you well. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the walking route that Ian Brady took during his visit to Saddleworth Moor on July 2, 1987.

Specifically, I am seeking details on the path or route followed by Ian Brady on that date. This may include any available records, reports, or documents that outline the locations visited and the route taken during his presence on Saddleworth Moor.

I understand that certain information may be sensitive, and I am committed to handling any provided information responsibly and in accordance with relevant laws and guidelines.

If you require any clarification or further details to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this request and provide an estimated timeframe for the release of the requested information.

I look forward to your timely response. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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 the data requested would involve a manual search of physical paper records relating to the original Moors Murders investigation and the subsequent search of the moors in the 1980s. This is stored in 35 large storage boxes. The documents have not been filed in any particular order, so in order to find this information each of the boxes would need to be accessed and searched for the relevant information. Factoring in time for the documents to be reviewed, copied, redacted if necessary etc, this is likely to take more than 18 hours.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would therefore take over 18 hours work and exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.