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I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *How many reports of shoplifting offences have you had to your police force in the following years:
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023.***
- 2. *How many people have been charged with shoplifting offences by your police force in the following years:
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 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.

Caveat.

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 created date between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2023, where the HO 5 digit code is 046/00 (theft from shops and stalls), excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- GMP Outcome Code: 1A has been used to identify charges.
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

Year	Count of Crimes	Count of Charges
2018	17349	1456
2019	17377	1299
2020	12636	748
2021	13051	1292
2022	15865	2321
2023	18228	3052

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