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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011952/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. For the months of November and December 2023 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".**
- 2. Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.**
- 3. Taking the month of December 2023 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].**

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/11/2023 and 31/12/2023 where the crime description or crime MO description contains keywords 'machete' and 'machette', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office counting rules. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- The crime description and crime MO description may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.
- Some crimes may have multiple victims and so multiple crimes may be created with the same/similar MO against it.

Questions 1 and 2.

Month	Count of Crimes
Nov 2023	89
Dec 2023	101

Question 3.

Dummy Crime Reference	Crime MO Description
1	Offender send XXX numerous voicenotes making threats of violence towards XXX causing alarm and distress.
2	Offender attends the property with machete and attempts to assault XXX
3	XXX arrested for possession of a machete after being arrested XXX
4	XXX arrested for possession of a machete, after being arrested XXX
5	XXX arrested for possession of a machete, after being arrested XXX