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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011892/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/01/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1.How many reports your force received from people claiming to be the victim of deepfake photos or videos in the calendar or financial years (whichever is easiest) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*
- 2.How many arrests, if any, were made as a result of these reports in those years*

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

- The data for this request is based on a search of the below HO Codes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023. As there are no flags that highlight whether a deepfake was used as part of the crime, we have done a keyword search on the 'crime description' field using the key words 'deepfake' or 'deep fake':

Class	Sub Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code

Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possessing obscene material for gain	086/01
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	086/02
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Indecent matter publicly displayed	086/03
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Supplying video recording of unclassified work.	086/04
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possess video recording of unclassified work for the purpose of supply	086/05
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Defendant has protected material, or copy of it, in possession otherwise than while inspecting it etc	086/06
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Defendant gives, or reveals, protected material, or copy of it, to any other person	086/07
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Person who has been given, or shown protected material, gives a copy or otherwise to any person other than the defendant	086/08
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Person who has been given, or shown, protected material, gives a copy or otherwise to the defendant when not supposed to	086/09
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child	086/10
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which threatens a person's life	086/11

Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which results, or is likely to result, in serious injury to a person's anus, breasts or genitals.	086/12
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of extreme pornographic images - an act which involves sexual interference with a human corpse (necrophilia)	086/13
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of extreme pornographic image - a person performing an act of intercourse or oral sex with an animal (whether dead or alive) (bestiality)	086/14
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possessing prohibited images of children	086/15
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possess an extreme image portraying rape	086/16
Miscellaneous crimes against society		86 Obscene Publications etc	Possess an extreme image portraying sexual assault by penetration	086/17
Violence Against The Person	Stalking and Harassment	8R Malicious Communications	Disclose private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress	008/71

Total number of crime – 1

Total number of arrest – 1

The recorded year for the crime has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the particular piece of information.