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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011865/S**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you confirm you have received this request.***

***Q1: For the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 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").***

***Q2: For the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 how many crimes were logged by your force where a sword was recorded as being an element in the offence?***

***Q3: For the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 how many crimes were logged by your force where a zombie knife or zombie sword was recorded as being an element in the offence?***

***Q4: 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 for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 by offence subgroup as per the Home Office counting rules.***

**Q5: Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 2 that are 'linked' to sword/s by its mention in the MO for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 by offence subgroup as per the Home Office counting rules.**

**Q6: Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 3 that are 'linked' to zombie knife/knives by its mention in the MO for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 by offence subgroup as per the Home Office counting rules.**

### **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 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023 where the crime description or crime MO description contains keywords listed below, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office counting rules.
- Machete
- Machette
- Machetes
- Sword
- Swords
- Zombie knife
- Zombie knives
- Zombie sword
- Zombie swords
- 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.

Question 1.

| Year        | Machete/Machetes/Machette |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2019        | 359                       |
| 2020        | 450                       |
| 2021        | 901                       |
| 2022        | 937                       |
| 2023        | 1026                      |
| Grand Total | 3673                      |

Question 2.

| Year | Sword/Sword |
|------|-------------|
| 2019 | 197         |
| 2020 | 172         |
| 2021 | 228         |
| 2022 | 265         |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>2023</b>        | <b>408</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1270</b> |

Question 3.

| <b>Year</b>        | <b>Zombie Knife/Zombie Knives</b> | <b>Zombie Sword/Zombie swords</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2019</b>        | <b>2</b>                          | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>2020</b>        | <b>3</b>                          | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>2021</b>        | <b>6</b>                          | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>2022</b>        | <b>32</b>                         | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>2023</b>        | <b>34</b>                         | <b>0</b>                          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>77</b>                         | <b>0</b>                          |

Question 4.

| <b>Crime Tree Level 4</b>                   | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>All other theft offences</b>             | 0           | 2           | 2           | 4           | 5           | <b>13</b>          |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>                        | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Business and community burglary</b>      | 0           | 1           | 5           | 3           | 4           | <b>13</b>          |
| <b>Criminal damage and arson offences</b>   | 20          | 24          | 34          | 31          | 40          | <b>149</b>         |
| <b>Homicide</b>                             | 0           | 0           | 3           | 0           | 0           | <b>3</b>           |
| <b>Miscellaneous crimes against society</b> | 2           | 4           | 10          | 3           | 11          | <b>30</b>          |
| <b>Other sexual offences</b>                | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 3           | <b>3</b>           |
| <b>Possession of drugs</b>                  | 0           | 2           | 4           | 6           | 3           | <b>15</b>          |
| <b>Possession of weapon offences</b>        | 69          | 92          | 212         | 289         | 303         | <b>965</b>         |
| <b>Public order offences</b>                | 67          | 91          | 155         | 154         | 138         | <b>605</b>         |
| <b>Rape</b>                                 | 1           | 1           | 2           | 0           | 2           | <b>6</b>           |
| <b>Residential burglary</b>                 | 15          | 30          | 52          | 31          | 57          | <b>185</b>         |
| <b>Robbery of business property</b>         | 45          | 13          | 23          | 6           | 6           | <b>93</b>          |
| <b>Robbery of personal property</b>         | 41          | 52          | 120         | 146         | 111         | <b>470</b>         |
| <b>Shoplifting</b>                          | 0           | 1           | 6           | 1           | 2           | <b>10</b>          |
| <b>Stalking and harassment</b>              | 22          | 25          | 44          | 53          | 112         | <b>256</b>         |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>                | 0           | 0           | 2           | 1           | 2           | <b>5</b>           |
| <b>Trafficking of drugs</b>                 | 2           | 5           | 6           | 2           | 5           | <b>20</b>          |
| <b>Vehicle offences</b>                     | 1           | 2           | 7           | 2           | 2           | <b>14</b>          |
| <b>Violence with injury</b>                 | 46          | 71          | 159         | 148         | 155         | <b>579</b>         |
| <b>Violence without injury</b>              | 28          | 34          | 55          | 57          | 64          | <b>238</b>         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                          | <b>359</b>  | <b>450</b>  | <b>901</b>  | <b>937</b>  | <b>1026</b> | <b>3673</b>        |

Question 5.

| <b>Crime Tree Level 4</b>              | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>All other theft offences</b>        | 38          | 35          | 23          | 37          | 97          | <b>230</b>         |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>                   | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Business and community burglary</b> | 2           | 2           | 2           | 0           | 5           | <b>11</b>          |

|                                             |            |            |            |            |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Criminal damage and arson offences</b>   | 5          | 2          | 1          | 2          | 6          | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>Fraud</b>                                | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | <b>1</b>    |
| <b>Miscellaneous crimes against society</b> | 4          | 1          | 1          | 5          | 11         | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>Other sexual offences</b>                | 0          | 0          | 2          | 3          | 6          | <b>11</b>   |
| <b>Possession of drugs</b>                  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | <b>2</b>    |
| <b>Possession of weapon offences</b>        | 19         | 33         | 64         | 64         | 47         | <b>227</b>  |
| <b>Public order offences</b>                | 17         | 11         | 20         | 17         | 7          | <b>72</b>   |
| <b>Rape</b>                                 | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 4          | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>Residential burglary</b>                 | 4          | 11         | 5          | 4          | 9          | <b>33</b>   |
| <b>Robbery of business property</b>         | 0          | 2          | 2          | 2          | 1          | <b>7</b>    |
| <b>Robbery of personal property</b>         | 21         | 15         | 23         | 24         | 41         | <b>124</b>  |
| <b>Shoplifting</b>                          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 2          | 2          | <b>5</b>    |
| <b>Stalking and harassment</b>              | 17         | 36         | 47         | 61         | 106        | <b>267</b>  |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>                | 39         | 7          | 5          | 8          | 34         | <b>93</b>   |
| <b>Trafficking of drugs</b>                 | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | <b>1</b>    |
| <b>Vehicle offences</b>                     | 8          | 2          | 1          | 2          | 3          | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>Violence with injury</b>                 | 7          | 7          | 12         | 16         | 9          | <b>51</b>   |
| <b>Violence without injury</b>              | 14         | 8          | 19         | 17         | 16         | <b>74</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                          | <b>197</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>408</b> | <b>1270</b> |

Question 6.

| <b>Crime Tree Level 4</b>                   | <b>2019</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>Miscellaneous crimes against society</b> | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1                  |
| <b>Possession of weapon offences</b>        | 0           | 1           | 1           | 23          | 27          | 52                 |
| <b>Public order offences</b>                | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1                  |
| <b>Rape</b>                                 | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1                  |
| <b>Robbery of personal property</b>         | 0           | 0           | 1           | 3           | 2           | 6                  |
| <b>Stalking and harassment</b>              | 0           | 0           | 0           | 4           | 1           | 5                  |
| <b>Trafficking of drugs</b>                 | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1                  |
| <b>Violence with injury</b>                 | 0           | 2           | 3           | 1           | 1           | 7                  |
| <b>Violence without injury</b>              | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1           | 3                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                          | <b>2</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>6</b>    | <b>32</b>   | <b>34</b>   | <b>77</b>          |