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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011940/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am interested in data on the number of thefts from public museums and art galleries and would be grateful if you could provide the below info under Freedom of Information. If there is not a specific police code, please could you use a free text search instead.

- 1. Number of thefts from public museums in 2022 and 2023**
Please provide list of item(s) stolen and value if know
- 2. Number of thefts from public art galleries in 2022 and 2023**
Please provide list of item(s) stolen and value if know

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 theft crimes with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023 where the Crime MO Category is 'Museum' or 'Gallery', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.

- Crime MO Category is an optional field, therefore not all crimes that occurred at museums or galleries are necessarily captured by this search.
- The Crime MO Category 'museum' and 'gallery' do not specify whether the museum was a 'public museum' or if the gallery was an 'public art gallery'.

Please see data below.

Count of Crimes	Gallery	Museum
2022	2	3
2023	7	13