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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012832/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *How many reports of thefts from domestic gardens have you received in each of the past two years and YTD included***
- 2. *What were the top 10 things stolen from domestic gardens in the past two years and YTD?***
- 3. *How many of these reports included thefts of outdoor plants / trees?***
- 4. *How many of these reports included theft of ornaments/structures?***
- 5. *What was the reported value of the plants / trees stolen? (£ sterling)***

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded theft crimes to see how many relate to garden theft. Initial searches have brought back over 240,000 records since the 1st January 2022. With a conservative estimate of around 5minutes for each log, it is anticipated it will exceed the 18hrs to provide the information.

Therefore, as per **section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to a shorter time frame and a reduction in the volume of information required. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.