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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012467/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm FOI-ing for more information on car cloning.

This is when a driver's number plates have been copied, or stolen, by another driver. This is so they can conceal the identity of their own car.

1) How many people were arrested on suspicion of car cloning related offences broken down for the following years:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

2) How many cases of car cloning were reported to the force broken down for the the following years

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

3) How many people were charged with car cloning related offences broken down for the following years

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

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 recorded under Home Office offence 814/03 'fraud or forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Part 2 is a count of the number of these crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023. Part 1 is a count of custody event records linked to the crimes in part 2.
- Part 3 is a count of the number of offenders on these crimes that have the person outcome 1A 'charged' and a person latest outcome date between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2023.
- We are aware of a system issue affecting suspect outcomes for migrated crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to migrated crimes may be incorrect.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Question 1.

Year	Count of Custody Records
2019	0
2020	3
2021	5
2022	3
2023	1

Question 2.

Year	Count of Crimes
2019	3
2020	9
2021	16
2022	8
2023	5

Question 3.

Year	Count of Offenders Charged
2019	0
2020	2
2021	0
2022	3
2023	3