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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012481/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***** Original Request *****

- The number of shoplifting arrests (under section 1 of the Theft Act 1986 or under section 176 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act) made in Greater Manchester each year, for the last 10 years***
- The number of those arrests that led to the offender being charged***
- The number of those charges that led to convictions***

***** Revised Request *****

I see in the response letter that, in order to get the data I require, I would need to condense the timeframe I originally asked for. Would it be sufficient if I requested the three questions for the last 5 years as opposed to the last 10? And removal of question 3.

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

Figures below are for each year.

Number of shoplifting crimes linked to a custody record:

Year	Total	Total Charged
2014	2,070	1,742
2015	1,525	1,305
2016	935	803
2017	534	443
2018	321	250
2019	156	124
2020	299	235
2021	487	391
2022	1,439	1,149
2023	1,931	1,587