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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013218/B

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013218/B**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Since 1st April 2011, how many no-body murders (i.e., at the time you declared it was a murder, the victim's body had not been recovered) has your police force recorded? For each homicide, please state*

- (1) the financial year the homicide was recorded,*
- (2) what the suspect/s outcome was or whether no suspect has been charged,*
- (3) the financial year in which any suspect/s outcome was obtained, and*
- (4) whether, and in what financial year, a body was subsequently recovered.*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 4 would involve a manual search of all homicide crimes to establish if the crime was a no-body crime where a body has been subsequently recovered as our homicide tracker only shows crimes where there is currently no body identified.

A search of our crime recording system shows that there are 453 crimes that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 75 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)