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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014356/N**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Please can I get data on the number of luxury watches and handbags that have been stolen between 2019 -2024?*

*By luxury, I mean watches and handbags worth £2,000 or more. I would like data in calendar years.*

*I have split my requests up in two sections. Please let me know if you need me to clarify anything, or need anything else from me.*

**SECTION 1: Luxury watches**

- 1) *Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury watches there have been for the following years:*  
2019  
2020  
2021  
2022  
2023  
2024
- 2) *What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury watch brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?*
- 3) *What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury watches were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury watches stolen during 2024?*

## **SECTION 2: Luxury handbags**

- 1) *Please could you provide information on how many thefts of luxury handbags there have been for the following years:  
2019  
2020  
2021  
2022  
2023  
2024*
- 2) *What were the top 10 most commonly stolen luxury handbag brands? For each brand, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 2024?*
- 3) *What were the top 10 most common locations where luxury handbags were stolen? (For example, hotel/restaurant/street/pub/gym). For each location, could you list the total number of luxury handbags stolen during 2024?*

## **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 would involve a manual search of every recorded theft to see if the crime related to the theft of a watch or handbag.

A search of our records shows that there are 585,983 crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 48,800 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)