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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015285/T

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015285/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of reported incidents of HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle) fuel theft in your County for each of the past five full calendar years.**
 - 2. The number of prosecutions that have resulted from these reported incidents within the same time periods.**
- If possible, I would appreciate it if the data for each year could also be broken down by month. However, if this is not possible within the cost and time limits of the FOI Act, the annual totals will be sufficient.***

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 thefts for the time periods requested. Our systems do not have a searchable field to be able to easily determine what items have been stolen/taken and so a review would be the only way to extract this information. For the time frame you have requested, there have been over 465,000 records logged and so to review each one would far exceed the 18hr permitted to provide this 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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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