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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015889/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please supply the following under the Freedom of Information Act:

For the financial or calendar years from 2015 to the present, or most recently available:

- 1. Using a keyword search, how many reported crimes feature the words: "Google Glasses", "Google Glass", "smart glasses", "Ray-Ban Meta", "Ray Ban Meta", "AI glasses", "glasses with video and audio recording capabilities".***
- 2. Of the above incidents, please note how many of the incidents resulted in an arrest.***

Please send your results back as an excel document.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. 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.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that

data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2015 and 25/11/2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains "Google Glasses", "Google Glass", "smart glasses", "Ray-Ban Meta", "Ray Ban Meta", "AI glasses", "glasses with video and audio recording capabilities", excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.

Question 1

This search returned a total of 2 crimes that mention one or more of the terms provided.

Question 2

Zero.