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**Our ref:** 01/FOI/25/014174/J

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 001/FOI/25/014174/J**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I am emailing to request the number of tool thefts in your area reported for the year 2023/2024***

***Could you also let me know how many of these tool thefts were from a vehicle?***

**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.

GMP would not be able to complete this request without carrying a full manual review on all theft offences. The review will need to check all the results that fall within the scope for review for the years listed above to be able to identify how many of the thefts recorded related to tools and then to locate the number of these tool thefts that were taken from a vehicle. Searched have revealed over 95,000 results and so this request will not be able to be completed in under 18hrs.

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.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a substantially

reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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).