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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014111/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

A 47 year old man was arrested after appearing in a video burning a Quran in the British city of Manchester, just two days after another man was shot dead in Sweden for doing the same thing.

He was photographed either side linking arms with two male asian policemen on suspicion of "racist abuse" near the Glade of Light memorial.

I would like to know the names and collar numbers of the officers who held and arrested and whether they are muslim.

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, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.