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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014117/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force:

I would like to request:

- How many incidents of "Asian gold theft" have taken place/have you dealt with in your jurisdiction, since January 2021?*
- To clarify: "Asian gold theft" is the theft of gold from Asian families. Criminals are targeting Asian families knowing that many have gold, for cultural reasons.*
- Please could you specify the number of incidents, and the value of gold stolen, if available?*
- Please could you break down the incidents by year, i.e. 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025?*
- Please could you provide the information in CSV format*

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 all theft crime reports to see if the items stolen were "Asian gold".

A search of our records shows that there are 388,000 crime reports that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 32,000 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