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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014703/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting a breakdown of the total number of reported aggravated burglaries/robberies of vehicles in your Police Force area.

We would like to know the car thefts that were 'aggravated' burglaries/robberies reported to your police force during the past 12 months from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, and the same period for 2023-2024 and 2022-2023.

We would also like to know the total number of stolen vehicles in your Police Force area in the same periods.

Can you provide me with:

1. *A breakdown of the total number of reported stolen vehicles that were 'aggravated' burglaries/robberies. Could you please provide a breakdown for the past three years, including the past 12 months, from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. And the same months for 2023-2024 and 2022-2023. Please include the vehicle type: manufacturer / model name.*
 - a. *1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025*
 - b. *1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024*
 - c. *1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023*

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 crimes recorded under Home Office classification 37/2 - Aggravated Vehicle Taking in order to establish the make and model.

A preliminary search of our crime records shows that there were 235 Aggravated Vehicle Taking crimes recorded in the last 12 months. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 20 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would only be for the last year, not the full time frame of your request.

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