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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015676/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the information requested for incidents recorded in the each of the periods:

- 2024–2025 to date (16th October 2025)
- 2023–2024
- 2022–2023

Please answer questions 1–4 for all couriers and delivery drivers.

If possible, please also answer questions 5–8 for couriers/delivery drivers excluding food delivery drivers.

If you are unable to exclude food delivery drivers, please still provide the answers to questions 1-4.

1. *What's the total number of thefts and robberies reported in which the victim was a courier or delivery driver?*
2. *How many resulted in someone being arrested?*
3. *How many resulted in someone being charged?*
4. *How many involved a report of violence? If you are unable to answer this question because it is too time consuming, please still answer questions 1, 2 and 3.*
5. *What's the total number of thefts and robberies reported in which the victim was a courier or delivery driver, excluding food delivery drivers?*
6. *How many resulted in someone being arrested?*
7. *How many resulted in someone being charged?*
8. *How many involved a report of violence? If you are unable to answer this question because it is too time consuming, please still answer questions 5, 6 and 7.*

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. The occupation of the victim of a crime is not a searchable field on our crime recording system. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all theft crime records to ascertain if the victim was a courier.

A search of crime records show there are 369,000 theft crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 30,750 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