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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015787/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting this request under the Open Records Act in my capacity as a volunteer researcher. This request is made in pursuit of transparency, accountability, and public understanding related to a specific incident involving law enforcement.

Requested Records:

Dashcam & Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Footage:

- *Footage from the first two officers to arrive on the scene.*
- *Any available BWC footage documenting the arrest or interaction with the primary suspect.*

911 Calls & Dispatch Audio (If Available):

- *911 audio calls related to the incident.*
- *Dispatcher audio, call logs, and CAD (Computer-Aided Dispatch) reports.*

Police Report & Additional Records:

- *The full report from the primary officer.*
- *If available, the probable cause affidavit.*
- *Any photographs, incident reports, and arrest reports related to this incident.*

Incident Information:

The following details are provided to help locate the correct records:

- *Suspect Name:* [REDACTED]
- *Title of Case:* Assault on Police Officers at Manchester Airport

- Description: [REDACTED] charged with assaulting police officers causing actual bodily harm after resisting arrest and also assaulting a member of the public in Starbucks. One officer suffered a broken nose during the violent confrontation.
- Date of Arrest: [REDACTED]
- Date of Incident: [REDACTED]
- City & State: Manchester, Greater Manchester, United Kingdom
- Issuing Agency: Greater Manchester Police
- Link of Articles: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/jul/04/brothers-assaulted-police-resisting-arrest-manchester-airport-court>

In Case of Missing BWC Footage:

Should body-worn cameras not be utilized by your agency, kindly notify me so we can adjust accordingly. However, if this request involves a State Trooper, dashcam footage is still required.

Exclusions & Redactions:

I understand the importance of privacy and sensitivity. Please ensure the following:

- Any Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is redacted.
- Any minor or uninvolved party appearances are omitted.
- Graphic, explicit, or sensitive content is blurred, redacted, or removed.
- Any other legally necessary redactions are made at your discretion.

Preferred Format:

Please provide the responsive records in digital format, via a secure platform such as Evidence.com, iCrimeFighter, Box.com, or a similar secure delivery service

Thank you for your time and dedication to public transparency. If you have any questions or need additional information to fulfill this request, feel free to contact me. I look forward to your response. If physical delivery is necessary, I am happy to provide a mailing address upon request.

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, I am not obliged to provide the information requested as exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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 exemption which applies to this request is:

Section 30(1)(2)(a) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities.

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the information requested into the public domain would show GMP's accountability and satisfy the public that investigations into the incidents are being conducted. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in investigating incidents of this nature.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

We accept that there is a legitimate and important public interest in publishing information about the investigations however, conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release information that is related to pending prosecutions may seriously undermine the criminal justice process and harm the defendant's right to a fair trial.

Whilst these investigations might be seen as high profile by some, to disclose any details may still hinder the process needed to be followed.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on the criminal justice process. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.