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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016461/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you tell me the number of people arrested for using or distributing illegally altered devices, such as Amazon Firesticks, to access premium channels over the last three years. I believe this may fall under Section 11 of the Fraud Act 2006.

Please provide figures by calendar year (2025, 2024, 2023) and 2026 to date if held. If five years of data are held, please provide that. If possible, please break down by those arrested for using and distributing the devices.

If possible - and held in a searchable format - please provide me with the number of arrest records containing the words "Amazon Firestick", "firestick" or "fire stick".

If I can clarify my request in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing – the systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

A search has been conducted including the 'Crime Initial Classification: Legislation' for '*Section 11 of the Fraud Act 2006*', as requested. We added 'Arrest Circumstances' to the search parameters and **23** entries were returned. A manual review was conducted of the 23 records, and no results were returned mentioning Amazon Fire Sticks from 01/01/2023 – 06/02/2026.