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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017121/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following information relating to the television series "Manhunt".

- 1. Any correspondence between GMP and Channel 4, production companies, or associated representatives concerning the development, filming, consultation, or portrayal of the series. Any meetings, briefing notes, emails, or internal discussions regarding GMP involvement with the programme?*
- 2. Any costs incurred by GMP in relation to the programme, including staff time, resources, security, or consultancy?*
- 3. Copies of any agreements, memoranda of understanding, contracts, or permissions between GMP and Channel 4, production company, or associated entities?*
- 4. Any complaints, public relations assessments, reputational risk assessments, or media monitoring reports concerning the series?*
- 5. Details of any payments made by GMP to Channel 4 or associated companies, including:*
 - dates,*
 - amounts,*
 - purpose of payment,*
 - invoices,*
 - purchase orders,*
 - contracts or agreements associated with such payments?*
- 6. Details of any payments made to GMP by Channel 4 or associated companies, including:*
 - dates,*

- *amounts,*
- *purpose of payment,*
- *invoices,*
- *agreements or correspondence relating to such payments?*

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 supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

The information requested exempt under **Section 14(1) - Vexatious Requests.**

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation designed to give the public access to information held by public authorities. It exists to make the decisions of those authorities transparent and to keep the public better informed regarding matters which affect them.

A public authority can refuse requests which can divert resources away from more deserving requests and other public business or threaten to undermine the credibility of the freedom of information system. It is recognised that dealing with unreasonable requests can place a strain on resources and get in the way of delivering mainstream services.

When identifying potentially vexatious requests the indicators contained within the Information Commissioner's guidance on Section 14(1) should be considered. In this case we feel the following indicator applies to your request: **Burden on the Authority.** [How do we consider burden, motive and harassment? | ICO](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14(1) of FOIA a request deemed as overly burdensome does not oblige GMP to comply with a request for information. The ICO confirms within their guidance that they consider there to be a high threshold for refusing a request on such grounds if there is a viable case in line with the below recommendations:

- 1) The requester has asked for a substantial volume of information and
- 2) The authority has real concerns about potentially exempt information, which it will be able to substantiate if asked to do so by the ICO and
- 3) Any potentially exempt information cannot easily be isolated because it is scattered throughout the requested material.

As such, your request is being refused due to the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure, which would impose a grossly oppressive burden on GMP. To provide the data requested in questions 1, 3 and 4 of your request would involve manual review and redactions to several emails and other documents to ensure that any operationally sensitive and personal information which could identify directly or indirectly a living person is redacted. Therefore Section 31(1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement and Section 40(2) Personal Information will be engaged as this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

There are at least 156 pages of information that would have to be manually reviewed and redacted. To do so would cause a grossly oppressive burden to GMP.

For question 2 of your request, I can confirm that this information is not held in recorded form. We do not record the amount of time staff spend on individual items of work during their normal working day. We are not obliged to calculate the total cost of staff time for the purposes of a Freedom of Information request as this would be the creation of new information.

I can confirm that, in relation to questions 5 and 6 of your request, no payments were made by GMP to the Channel 4 or the production company and no payments were received by GMP from Channel 4 or the production company.