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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016214/D

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016214/D**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*This request concerns car theft offences recorded by your force.*

*Please can you provide the following for the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 The number of vehicles recorded stolen per calendar year and broken down further by month*

*Please break this down by*

*Type of vehicle (passenger vs commercial and type of vehicle categorisation (car, HGV, Moped etc) also per month*

*The make and model of the vehicle (annual data going back to 2019 only)*

*Outcome of the car theft (whether it was recovered as well as charge/suspect outcome)*

*The number of theft offences involving car parts recorded per calendar year and broken further by month*

*Please break this down by:*

*Car part /category if possible*

*Value of stolen car parts*

*Outcome of the car part theft (whether it was recovered - partly or fully - as well as charge/suspect outcome)*

*3. Please also provide a redacted copy:*

*of car theft offences recorded by your force in November 2025*

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## **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. There is no specific offence for car theft. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all crimes recorded under the category of Vehicle Theft to determine which crimes relate to cars.

A search of our crime records shows that there are over 50,000 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 over 4,000 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)