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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015905/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please treat this as a request under the freedom of information act.

I would like to know the number of 'crypto-muggings' investigated by the WMP in the last year (Nov 2024 to Oct 2025). I am referring to incidents where digital currency is transferred away from a victim's account without their knowledge or consent.

Please provide the total number of incidents as well as a short anonymised summary of each including the date, location and amount stolen.

For background, City of London police was able to release equivalent data under Fol in 2022.

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.

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 1st November 2024 and 31st October 2025 where the Crime Classification is 34B Robbery of personal property or 39 Theft from the

Person and the Crime Description or Crime MO descriptions contains 'cryptocurrency', 'bitcoin', or 'ethereum', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.

There have been 0 crimes between 01/11/2024 and 31/10/2025 where the offence code is 34B Robbery of personal property and 39 Theft from the person and where at least one of the words "cryptocurrency", "bitcoin" or "ethereum" appears.