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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016121/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding crimes committed in your police area from January 1 2025 to December 31 2025:

1. *How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving theft from/at churches or from/at church property from January 1 2025 - December 31 2025?*
 - a) *If possible, please could you clarify how many of the thefts recorded relate to lead being taken from the church roof?*
2. *How many crimes have been recorded by your force involving assault (physical/violent) at churches or on church property from January 1 2025 - December 31 2025?*
3. *How many crimes have been recorded of vandalism by your force on churches or on church property from January 1 2025 - December 31 2025?*

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 January 2025 and 31st December 2025 where the MO sub-category contains 'church', 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.

The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.

- There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
- As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes, but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

There is no Home Office offence classification of "vandalism". For question 3, we have provided the number of offences recorded under the Home Office classification of "criminal damage and arson".

1.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	Total
All other theft offences	38
Bicycle theft	5
Business and community burglary	41
Robbery of personal property	2
Theft from the person	2

a. Of those, 3 related to theft of lead from church roofs.

2.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	Total
Violence with injury	10
Violence without injury	20

3.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	Total
Criminal damage and arson offences	54