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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016193/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *For the months of November and December 2025 how many crimes were logged by your force where a machete was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Note: I would hope that this could be achieved by a computer search on the MO of crimes for the words "machete" or variants of the spelling to include "machette" and "machetes".*
2. *Please provide me with a table showing a breakdown of the crimes from Question 1 that are 'linked' to machete/s by its mention in the MO.*
3. *Taking the month of December 2025 please provide me with copies of the first 5 MOs that mention machetes. [Note: To avoid falling into an exemption I am content for names, ages, geography or any other personal detail to be redacted].*

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, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. Where redactions occur in the MO text supplied in response to question 3 of your request, this is because that information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

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 '01 November 2025' and '31 December 2025' where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'machete' or 'machette', 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.

1. November 2025: 99
December 2025: 104
2. Criminal Damage and Arson: 9
Miscellaneous crimes against society: 6
Other sexual offences: 1
Possession of drugs: 3
Possession of weapon offences: 58
Public order offences: 30
Residential burglary: 10
Robbery of business property: 3
Robbery of personal property: 23
Shoplifting: 1
Stalking and harassment: 13
Trafficking of drugs: 2
Vehicle offences: 1
Violence with injury: 26
Violence with injury: 17

3.

2 unknown offender approached the ap who pushed the ap from his e scooter. one offender presented a large machete and demanded the aps mobile phone resulting in the aps mobile phone being stolen.

THE MALE VICTIM REPORTS TO THE POLICE THAT HE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO THREATS WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON AT THE HANDS OF AN UNKNOWN MALE OFFENDER, CAUSING SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT, ALARM, FEAR, DISTRESS, NAMELY, THE VICTIM REPORTS THAT ON OR ABOUT THE TIME STATED, THE OFFENDER HAD ATTENDED HIS HOME ADDRESS, KNOCKING ON HIS HOME ADDRESS DOOR, TO WHICH [REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO SHOUT "HELLO" OUT OF THE WINDOW, TO WHICH THE OFFENDER PROCEEDED TO LOOK UP, ASKING FOR A "[REDACTED]" PRODUCING AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN THE FORM OF A MACHETE WITH A SIX INCH BLADE, [REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO REPLY THAT THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF THIS PERSON, TO WHICH THE OFFENDER HAD TOLD THEM TO COME OUTSIDE, THAT HE WILL CUT ALL OF THEM UP, THE VICTIM REPORTS THAT THE OFFENDER HAD BEEN OUTSIDE OF HIS HOME ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO OR THREE MINUTES, BEFORE MAKING OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FIELDS

HOME OFFICE OFFICIAL:[ADR160 Classified]x2 unknown offender/s approach ap sat in vehicle outside Casino one offender pulled out a machete threatening ap with knife ap got out of vehicle ran off male got in vehicle drove off before aban vehicle

after s23 stop search cannabis found in inside jacket pocket

HOME OFFICE OFFICIAL:[ADR160 Not Classified]police after searching address find a machete and a katana within.