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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016107/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding vehicle theft in your police force area.

Please provide:

- ***The total number of recorded incidents of theft of a motor vehicle in your area for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025***

***Revised request –
The relevant HO Codes I believe to be:***

***037/01 Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking,
037/02 Aggravated vehicle taking,
048 Theft of a motor vehicle under which falls:
130/01 Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle (does not include 'being carried knowing motor vehicle has been taken)
131/03 Aggravated vehicle taking (driving/being carried) offences, causing damage to vehicle and/or property under £5000.***

For ease of referral I have placed the classifications here - <https://carcrime.uk/home-office-counting-rules-for-recorded-crime/>

I am content for 130/01 and 048/01 to be combined for the purpose of the response (table) below.

I understand the following request may need some clarification:

I am seeking the recorded number of motor vehicle theft offences in your area for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025 i.e. the crimes recorded, as opposed to calls about stolen vehicle or similar

The data will relate to Home Office classification (counting rules):

- 1. 48 Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle*
- 2. 37/2 Aggravated Vehicle Taking*

It would assist if you could provide the data for '1' & '2' above i.e. supply 6 figures

	2023	2024	2025
48 Unauthorised Taking/theft			
37/2 Aggravated taking			

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.

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 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025, 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.
- We have used the Home Office classification code '37/2: Aggravated Vehicle Taking' and '48: Theft or Unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle'
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.

Home Office Classification	2023	2024	2025
37/2	292	244	178
48	7169	5815	5517