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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016996/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please detail the number of reported offences between Jan 23 and Dec 25 where a ceremonial Sikh Kirpan knife/sword was mentioned in the crime report. If possible break the data down into the month it occurred and whether the offence related to possession of the weapon; threat of assault; or some form of assault using the knife.

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 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2025 where the word 'kirpan' was searched/found in the crime description or crime MO description, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting 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 keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

Results

A search of the above has revealed Zero results.