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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017046/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. How many GPS (Global Positioning System) screens, domes and satellite guidance systems have been stolen from tractors and other agricultural vehicles in between 24 February 2022, and 10.06.26 (/ to date)?

A. Broken down by year

2. How many people have been arrested and convicted of the theft of GPS screens, domes and satellite guidance systems from tractors and agricultural vehicles between 24 February 2022, and 10.06.26 (/ to date)?

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded theft from a motor vehicle crimes for the time periods requested. Our systems do not have a searchable field to be able to easily determine what items have been stolen/taken and so a review would be the only way to extract this information. The review will also determine if any theft was from a tractor/car etc to ensure it matches this FOI. For the time frame you have requested, there have been over 44,000 records logged and so to review each one would far exceed the 18hr permitted to provide this information.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.