GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017722/W

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017722/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

INCIDENT OVERVIEW

***Case Title:** Fraudster [redacted] Arrested at Manchester Airport After Stealing £300,000 from Pensioner **State and City:** United Kingdom, Manchester*
***Suspect:**[redacted]*
***Investigating Agency:** Greater Manchester Police **Incident Date:** July 30, 2026*
***Location:** Manchester Airport, Manchester, United Kingdom*

***Description:** [redacted] was convicted in her absence in October 2025 and sentenced to six years in prison for fraud by abuse of position and theft after allegedly taking approximately £300,000 from 89-year-old [redacted]. [redacted] reportedly posed as a caregiver, isolated [redacted] from her family, obtained control of her finances and power of attorney, and fled to Tenerife. The National Crime Agency, Spanish authorities and Greater Manchester Police worked to locate and return her to the UK. She was arrested at Manchester Airport on July 30, 2026, following her extradition from Spain, and appeared at Manchester Magistrates' Court on July 31, 2026.*

REQUESTED RECORDS

Please provide, where available:

1. *All Body-Worn Camera footage and other officer-worn video from responding, assisting, supervisory, detective, arresting, transport and other involved personnel relating to her return and arrest.*
2. *All emergency calls, dispatch audio and police radio communications relating to the arrest and associated operation.*

3. *All relevant CCTV, airport surveillance, traffic-camera, mobile/bystander, drone and other audio/video or digital recordings documenting the arrest or related law-enforcement activity.*
4. *All recorded interviews and statements involving [redacted] and relevant witnesses or other persons, including custodial, investigative, voluntary and interviews under caution.*
5. *Relevant photographs and images, including evidence, vehicle, booking and scene-documentation photographs, where releasable.*

This request is limited to the audio, video, photographic and digital records listed above and does not seek the complete investigative file.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to provide the information requested as exemptions apply.

The information is exempt by the virtue of the following exemption:

- **Section 30(1)(a) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**
- **Section 40(2) – Personal Information**

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be found below.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption; there is no right to the information under the FOI Act. A public interest test is not relevant to absolute exemptions, therefore no public interest test is required.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure on Section 30
To disclose the exempt information, into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds investigating incidents of this nature.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure on Section 30
The preservation of a confidential relationship between law enforcement and the public is vital to the investigation of crime. Releasing information recorded during this investigation would

compromise that confidentiality, creating a chilling effect that risks obstructing the future flow of information from vital sources, witnesses, and victims.

Moreover, Case files often contain administrative processes, internal lines of inquiry, and evaluation methodologies that remain consistent across active and historical cases. Releasing this information into the public domain undermines the integrity of current and future investigations by revealing how the police build a case.

Balancing Test

While there is a strong, inherent public interest in transparency and demonstrating that the police service handles criminal investigations diligently, this must be balanced against the public interest in maintaining effective law enforcement mechanisms.

The investigation in question is closed, which naturally reduces the immediate risk of the investigation itself. However, the mechanism of Section 30 is fundamentally designed to protect the integrity of the investigative process itself rather than just the immediate outcome. Releasing historical case file records would erode public trust in police confidentiality. This would directly deter witnesses and victims from coming forward in future, unrelated cases, which is highly detrimental to the public interest.

Therefore, the public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of information gathered during a criminal investigation heavily outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The exemption under Section 30(1)(a) is maintained.