GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017737/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am now requesting recorded crime data regarding all vehicle component theft and vehicle stripping from 1st January- 31st December 2025 and 1st January-30th June 2026

Please provide the following recorded crime data, in an open, structured format (CSV or Excel):

- ***A. Total Crime Count:***
- ***B. The total number of recorded offences logged under Home Office Offence Classification 045 (Theft from a Motor Vehicle) Component Breakdown***
- ***C. (Keyword Search/ Automated System: If available via standard database tag queries or automated keyword searches within crime logs summaries (e.g., "battery", "charging cable", "infotainment", "screen", "inverter", "catalytic converter"), a breakdown of the***
- ***D. top stolen components recorded under these offences.***

Section 12 Priority Clause
If you estimate that complying with this request in full will exceed the statutory time limit under Section 12 FOIA:

- ***Prioritise Point 1:***
- ***Provide the overall total incident count under Offence Classification 045 for all vehicles over the requested 1st January- 30th June 2026 period using automated database field queries. Then prioritise 1st January- 30th December 2025 after that.***
- ***Omit manual log reviews:***
- ***If extracting the component breakdown (Point 2) requires manual reading of individual officer text narratives that triggers a Section 12 refusal, please omit Point 2 and provide the automated query results for Point 1.***

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.

GMP would be unable to respond to part D of this request without carrying out a review manually across thousands of crimes. This is due to how we record this information, as any data that relates to specific items stolen are not held in any central location. There have been over 12,500 crimes recorded under "theft from a motor vehicle' crime, and each would need reviewing to see how many components were reported stolen. With a conservative estimate of around 5 minutes for each log, it is anticipated it will exceed the 18hrs to provide the information for part D.

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 heavily reduced time frame and it would also be beneficial if a list of keywords for the specific components you may be looking for to be provided. 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

1st Jan 2025 to 31st Dec 2025

A. 312,182 Total crimes recorded.
B. 8,835 crimes recorded under 'theft from a motor vehicle'
C. 318 crimes where the specific keyword you provided have been located.
D. See Exemption.

1st Jan 2026 to 30th June 2026

A. 154,515 Total crimes recorded.
B. 3,745 crimes recorded under 'theft from a motor vehicle'
C. 115 crimes where the specific keyword you provided have been located.

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 01/01/2025 and 30/06/2026, along with ‘theft from a motor vehicle’ crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 30/06/2026, 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.

This data also contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 30/06/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains ‘battery’, ‘charging cable’, ‘infotainment’, ‘screen’, ‘inverter’ or ‘catalytic converter’, 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.**