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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017807/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information held by your police force regarding recorded offences, crimes, or incidents involving Meta smart glasses (including Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses and Ray-Ban Stories).
Search Methodology & Keyword Guidance
To assist with retrieving this information within the statutory cost limit set out under Section 12 of the FOIA, please conduct an electronic keyword search (or database query) across your primary crime recording systems, command and control incident logs, and Modus Operandi (MO) free-text fields.
Specifically, please search for the following exact phrases and keywords (including case-insensitive / Ctrl+F equivalent searches):

- ***"META smart glasses"***
- ***"Meta glasses"***
- ***"Ray-Ban Meta"***
- ***"Ray Ban Meta"***
- ***"Ray-Ban Stories"***
- ***"smart glasses"***

Information Requested
For the 5-year period from 1 October 2021 to 1 October 2026:
1. Total Incident / Crime Count: The total number of recorded crimes or incident logs where one or more of the search terms above appear in the free-text summary, incident description, or MO notes, broken down year-by-year (e.g., 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025, 2025–2026).
2. Offence Classification Breakdown: A breakdown of these recorded matters by offence category (e.g., Voyeurism, Harassment, Public Order, Theft, Assault, or Breach of Privacy), where available.

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 1st October 2021 and 1st October 2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains "META smart glasses", "Meta glasses", "Ray-Ban Meta, "Ray Ban Meta", "Ray-Ban Stories", and "smart glasses", 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. [e.g. a robbery in which smart glasses are stolen]**

This data contains incidents with a created date between 1st October 2021 and 1st October 2026 where the title, details or contact comments contains "META smart glasses", "Meta glasses", "Ray-Ban Meta, "Ray Ban Meta", "Ray-Ban Stories", and "smart glasses", excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. **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.**

Year	Total Incidents/Crimes
2025	11
2026	14

Offence	Count of Incidents/Crime Latest Classification: HO Offence Level
All other theft offences	1
Other sexual offences	1
Public order offences	1
Stalking and harassment	1
Theft from the person	1
Vehicle offences	2

Incident Type	Count of Latest Incident Type Code
Contact Record / Message / Information	4
Crime Update	1
Other crime (inc. Shoplifting & Theft of pedal cycle))	4
Robbery / Theft from Person	1
Sexual / Indecency (Not Rape)	1
Suspicious circumstances - (Opening Code)	2
Vehicle crime	2

Violent / Public Order	2
Wanted Persons / Bail	1