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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017279/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The top ten individuals with the highest number of recorded shoplifting offences within your police force area between 2020-21 to 2025-26. Split the number of recorded shoplifting offences attributed to them by financial year and provide a total across the period.***
- 2. For each of those individuals, provide the number of offences resulting in charge/summons, caution, no further action split by financial year and a total across the period.***
- 3. The total number of suspects identified for recorded shoplifting offences for each financial year between 2020-21 and 2025-26, split by whether they had been identified in relation to a single shoplifting offence or more than one shoplifting offences.***

I am not asking for the identity of the individuals, please anonymise them with a unique identifier. If it is not possible to provide the top ten, provide the top five. If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, I would be happy to refine the request.

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 01/04/2020 and 31/03/2026, where there is at least one offender attached to the crime record, 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.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime.
- Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period.
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.
- Each suspect is the same throughout the response as requested.
- The data includes the top 11 and there were 2 suspects with the same total volume in positions 10 and 11.

Please see the attached document as requested.