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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017445/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information concerning shoplifting offences reported to Greater Manchester Police in relation to:

for the period 1 January 2026 to 12 August 2026 inclusive.

I would be grateful if you could provide:

- 1. The total number of shoplifting offences recorded during this period which are attributable to the above premises.*
- 2. If held and capable of disclosure, a breakdown of those offences by:*
 - o date of offence or month of offence;*
 - o date reported to police;*
 - o recorded outcome/disposal;*
 - o whether an arrest was made;*
 - o whether a suspect was charged or otherwise proceeded against; and*
 - o recorded value of property stolen, where this information is held in a readily retrievable form.*
- 3. The number of those offences which remain under investigation, were closed without a suspect being identified, or resulted in another recorded outcome.*

I am seeking statistical and non-identifying information only. I do not require the names, addresses or other personal information of suspects, victims, witnesses or members of staff. If the information cannot reasonably be provided at incident level, please provide the information aggregated by calendar month.

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.

Individual incidents, specific date, and monthly breakdown information is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

I have provided the total number of the incidents for the whole time period as can be found below.

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 Shoplifting crimes with a postcode of 'M3 1BD' and 'Selfridges' somewhere within the location fields, with a created date between 01/01/2026 and 12/08/2026, 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.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.
 - We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one committed at address to be added to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Please note:
 - The address recorded may not be where the crime happened e.g. where the crime happened in the street and the address was used as a reference point.
 - There may be more than one variation of the same address.
- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Data

Total 35 crimes

Arrest – 15

Outcome	Count
15B - Outcome Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	X
15D - Outcome Refer To Pnc (15D)	X
16 - Outcome Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	X
18 - Outcome Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	9
1A - Outcome Charge (1A)	12
3B - Outcome Adult Conditional Caution (3B)	X
98 - Outcome Decision Pending (98)	X
Missing Value - Outcome Missing Value	X

Any value less than 5 has been marked 'X' as exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information.

Please note the value of property stolen is not held in a readily retrievable form. Moreover, it is not clear what data you are seeking for Part 3. I have provided all outcomes for you to consider.