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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Please could you send me the following data available in your area on the following points, with figures be broken down by month and to cover the period May 2018 to May 2022 inclusive.

- **Please could you provide statistics for the number of vans reported broken in to and/or stolen (or had items stolen)**
- **Any specific locations (streets / postcodes) where the most van related crimes or offences have been reported**
- **Please could you then provide the makes/models of vans most targeted by thieves**
- **Please then provide statistics for the number of vans and/or items that were stolen that were later recovered (nice to have only - if these make the request unfeasible then please ignore)**

Having considered these questions in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes. In this case, the classification would be Theft of/from a Motor Vehicle. Therefore the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine each and every one of the relevant crime reports to establish what type of vehicle was involved and then extract the additional details of your request. Unfortunately, whilst information regarding the type of vehicle stolen and other items taken is recorded in each case, the only way to access this data is via each individual crime report. Therefore given the volume of reports this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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- **Please then provide statistics for the number of cases where a suspect is convicted (nice to have only - if these make the request unfeasible then please ignore)**

Police Scotland does not hold conviction information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service (COPFS) which holds conviction information for Scotland. A request can be submitted to COPFS via email using the following address foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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