

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1560  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022



**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 provide me with a breakdown of both reports and convictions of the following offences:**

- Assault
- Breach of the peace
- Shoplifting
- Housebreaking
- Theft from person
- Drug offences
- Vandalism

**Where the locus was Union Street in Aberdeen, over the past five years. I would like the number of reports and convictions to be listed separately**

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that 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](mailto:foi@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)

The table below provides the number of Recorded crimes, whereby the locus was Union Street, Aberdeen, broken down by crime category from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Crime	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Serious Assault (incl. culpable &amp; reckless conduct - causing injury)</b>	3	4	7	1	2	4
<b>Robbery and assault with intent to rob</b>	1	2	1	0	1	0
<b>Domestic Abuse (of female)</b>	0	0	1	1	0	0

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<b>Group 2 - Sexual Crimes</b>	3	4	3	2	1	2
<b>Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - dwelling house</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - non-dwelling</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Housebreaking (incl. attempts) - other premises</b>	1	0	2	0	2	0
<b>Theft of a motor vehicle</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Insecure etc</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Opening Lockfast Places - NOT Motor Vehicle</b>	0	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Common theft</b>	38	29	26	13	12	14
<b>Theft by shoplifting</b>	78	53	43	14	56	48
<b>Fraud</b>	10	13	9	4	5	8
<b>Other Group 3 crimes</b>	6	3	5	1	7	6
<b>Vandalism (incl. reckless damage, etc.)</b>	10	17	6	7	7	5
<b>Culpable &amp; reckless conduct (not firearms)</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Carrying offensive weapons (incl. restriction)*</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Handling bladed/pointed instrument*</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Offensive weapon (used in other criminal activity)*</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Bladed/pointed instrument (used in other criminal activity)</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Supply of drugs (incl. possession with intent)</b>	0	3	2	2	1	3
<b>Possession of drugs</b>	8	5	3	10	7	3
<b>Bail offences (other than absconding)</b>	2	0	1	2	2	4
<b>Other Group 5 crimes</b>	5	7	6	2	5	5

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<b>Common Assault</b>	47	31	37	19	24	19
<b>Common Assault (of an emergency worker)</b>	2	6	1	1	2	5
<b>Breach of the Peace</b>	20	14	9	2	4	4
<b>Threatening and abusive behaviour</b>	21	15	16	10	19	13
<b>Stalking</b>	1	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Racially aggravated harassment/conduct</b>	2	4	0	1	0	0
<b>Consume alcohol in designated place local bye-law</b>	0	4	0	1	0	0
<b>Other alcohol related offences</b>	6	2	2	2	2	0
<b>Other Group 6 offences</b>	17	13	13	4	11	6
<b>Drink, Drug driving offences incl. Failure to provide a specimen</b>	2	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Driving while disqualified</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Driving without a licence</b>	0	0	2	0	1	1
<b>Failure to insure against third party risks</b>	0	4	3	2	1	0
<b>Mobile phone offences</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Driving Carelessly</b>	0	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Drivers neglect of traffic directions (NOT pedestrian crossings)</b>	0	2	0	1	0	0
<b>Using a motor vehicle without test certificate</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Other Group 7 offences</b>	2	3	5	1	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>153</b>

*All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 4/8/2022.*

*The data was extracted using the crime's raised date. Specified areas have been selected using GIS Mapping.*

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.