| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1622Responded to: 08 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please provide details in relation to motor vehicle thefts in the DD5 postcode area from 01/02/24-01/02/25. Specifically make and model of vehicles, known method of thefts and outcome of cases.**

For the period of 01/02/2024 to 01/02/2025 inclusive, there are 12 recorded “Theft of a Motor Vehicle” crimes within the DD5 postcode area.

With regards to outcome, 9 are “detected” - an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings. The other three remain “undetected” meaning no accused has yet been formally identified.

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information.
Data was extracted from Police Scotland systems and are correct as of 26 July 2025.
Data was extracted using the crime's raised date and by using SGJD code '302202' -Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking and driving away.
Postcode was identified from the postcode variable where one was available to select.

The vehicle make/models recorded are as follows:

| **Make** | **Model** |
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| Ford | Fiesta |
| Vauxhall | Corsa |
| Ford | Focus |
| Fiat | Arbarth |
| Benimar | Mileo 313 |
| Citroen | C1 |
| Vauxhall | Astravan |
| Ford  | Transit |
| Nissan | X-Trail |
| Rover | Range Rover |
| Renault | Clio |
| Hyundai | I20 |

The recorded Modus Operandi relating to the 12 above mentioned crimes are as follows:

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| Did steal blue for Fiesta mv, VRM. [redacted] by unknown means without consent from lawful owner |
| Did drive motor car [redacted] carelessly, without permission of the owner, did cause a collision and make off from scene of accident, |
| Did take motor vehicle with no permission to do so |
| Three unknown males attended, gained access to locked mv blue/purple coloured Fiat Arbarth, VRM [redacted] and then left with the vehicle without consent. |
| Did gain access to white motorhome Benimar Mileo 313 white VRM [redacted] by unknown means and stole same |
| Did take and drive away black Citreon c1 registered number [redacted] without permission |
| Did steal complainers white Vauxhall Astra van VRM [redacted] from farm yard. |
| Some person(s) did steal motor vehicle ford transit VRM [redacted] by unknown means |
| Did steal Nissan x-trail VRM [redacted] from outside locus using true key |
| Did steal blue range rover -[redacted] by unknown means from the driveway of locus. |
| Did enter unlocked porch door, steal handbag and contents including car key and thereafter steal motor vehicle black Renault Clio VRM [redacted] |
| Unknown person(s) did gain access to blue Hyundai i20, VRM [redacted] by unknown means and drive vehicle away |

As you will see, information in the above table has been redacted.

The redacted information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the exemption set out at section 38(1)(b) of the Act applies - personal data.

Personal data is defined in Article 4 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as:

‘Information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (“data subject”); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person’.

Section 38(2A) of the Act provides that personal data is exempt from disclosure where disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles set out at Article 5(1) of the GDPR which states that:

‘Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject’.

Article 6 of the GDPR goes on to state that processing shall be lawful only if certain conditions are met. The only potentially applicable condition is Article 6(1)(f) which states:

‘Processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child’.

Whilst I accept that you may have a legitimate interest with regards the disclosure of this information, I do not agree that disclosure could be considered necessary in the circumstances.

Notwithstanding, I am further of the view that your interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subjects.

On that basis, it is considered that disclosure of the information sought would be unlawful.

Furthermore, any information held for the purpose of a police investigation is exempt from disclosure in terms of section 34(1) of the Act and section 35(1)(a)&(b) would also apply insofar as disclosure of any such information would be prejudicial to the law enforcement role of Police Scotland more generally.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.