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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.

I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding unsolved crimes.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

How many crimes reported to your force were closed without a suspect being identified between 2017 and 2022?

How many total crimes were reported to the force in the same period?

Can you also provide a breakdown of the information with regards to type of crime (burglary, assault, sexual assault, etc). Can I have that data broken down by calendar years?

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that Home Office outcomes, such as 'closed without a suspect...' do not extend to Scotland, and 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.

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and the outcomes are 'recorded' and 'detected'.

Recorded and Detected crime statistics are publicly available on the Police Scotland website, via the following link:-

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

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

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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.

