| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1331  Responded to: 20 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I wish to request details of custody images (mugshots) of offenders issued to the press following conviction or sentencing in court.

## For each month from January 2024 to April 2025 so far, please disclose the following:

## 1. The number of mugshots of offenders issued to the media following a court conviction or sentencing for a crime.

## 2. For each mugshot issued, please give details if available of:

## A) the court sentence handed down (e.g. 12 months jail sentence), and;

## B) the offences the person was convicted of (e.g. theft, burglary, murder, etc).

I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested. Therefore, in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, to provide this information would involve our Corporate Communications team to search through 15 months of press releases on their system, checking each to identify if images were issued as well as specific media calls for such requests. Not all press releases would have custody images hence having to trawl through the system to provide this information. To further explain, from 1 January 2024 to 30 April 2025 our News Desk issued 4,300 press releases, to search through each one for images would take 358 hours and would cost £5,375. This is well in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.