| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0070  Responded to: 24 January 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Freedom of information request regarding crimes that have taken place in supermarkets in Irvine and Kilwinning during the past five years.

## We're wondering if it's possible that we could be given a list of the crimes that took place, where they took place, and when they took place.

In response to these questions, 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, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility whereby specific premises such as supermarkets can be automatically identified, nor is it possible to carry out a search of the systems by premises type.

As such, the only way to establish whether a crime occurred within a supermarket would be to carry out case by case assessment of all crime reports from the time period requested – an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

If you can provide a list of specific supermarkets and addresses, depending on the numbers involved, we may be able to assist.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.