| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2464  Responded to: 11 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information relating to your police force area:**

1. **The number of reported incidents of HGV (Heavy Goods Vehicle) fuel theft in your County for each of the past five full calendar years.**
2. **The number of prosecutions that have resulted from these reported incidents within the same time periods.**

**If possible, I would appreciate it if the data for each year could also be broken down by month. However, if this is not possible within the cost and time limits of the FOI Act, the annual totals will be sufficient.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, in order to identify the information requested we would need to conduct a manual search of all of all recorded crime reports for “theft” in order to ascertain if the theft of fuel was involved. Further examination would then need to be carried out to identify those where the theft was specifically from a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV).

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.