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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 15/05/2015.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold some of the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to know the following:

- ***The five biggest rewards for information that the force has publicly advertised going back as far as records easily allow.***
- ***The date each reward was first advertised and details of the person or people who were wanted as well as a description of their crime(s).***
- ***I would also like copies in each case of the public announcement detailing the reward e.g.***
<http://www.gmp.police.uk/live/nhoodv3.nsf/WebsitePages/924D31108BB8862580257E2E0023C56A?OpenDocument>

Finally I would like to know if the rewards were paid out and whether anybody was convicted following the appeal.



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Rewards	Reward Date	Offence	Publicity Issued	Conviction
£20000	Oct 2014	Historic Murder	<p>20/11/2015</p> <p>A fresh appeal for information about the brutal murder of a man in Gedling is being launched this week, 20 years after his death.</p> <p>Ethsham Ghafoor, known as 'Shami', was a self-employed driver with A1 taxis, who lived at Forest Fields.</p> <p>The 26-year-old was found dead in the car park of the Happy Days nursery, in Lambley Lane, Gedling, inside his black and white Ford Sierra, registration G165 NMW, around 4.30am on 22 November 1994. He had been shot twice, once in the body and a fatal shot to the head.</p> <p>Over the last 20 years, detectives have never given up in their determination to find those responsible for his murder.</p> <p>CCTV released today records Shami during the last few hours of his life, as he pays by cheque for petrol at a Jet service station at Hilltop in Mapperley. Footage showing the crime scene as it was in 1994 has also been issued, in a bid to jog people's memories.</p> <p>DCI Tony Heydon, who is leading the investigation, said: "Many years have passed since Ethsham Ghafoor was killed. We have had renewed appeals over that time and received some information, but we know there are still some people who haven't come forward, and someone knows who did this.</p> <p>"It is likely that Shami knew his killer. We think that he was likely to have been surprised by the attack, but the way he was murdered makes it clear that it was a brutal execution.</p> <p>"As time goes by, people do change alliances, and it may be someone you knew many years ago came home on 22 November 1994 acting out of character or even told you about what had happened.</p> <p>"There has been a lot of work ongoing, with officers revisiting and analysing previous information, looking at the phone work obtained at the time, reviewing forensics in line with recent scientific development and speaking to a</p>	On-going

		<p>number of people about the murder.</p> <p>“Twenty years may have passed but Shami’s family live this nightmare every day, with so many unanswered questions. We need the public’s help – that is where the answers lie – we need to hear from you, and I would urge you to contact us.”</p> <p>Speaking about the anniversary appeal, Aisha Ghafoor, Shami’s sister, said: “We have spent 20 years grieving and suffering for the loss of our brother, my mother’s son.</p> <p>“We have constantly lived in the hope that one day we will see those responsible for his death brought to justice. My mother’s health is not what it used to be, and we need to know for her sake and ours, why someone would tear our family apart by taking Shami’s life in such a brutal and merciless way. The pain and distress inflicted upon us is unimaginable.</p> <p>“Shami was a well known and loved member of our family and the wider community. It is likely there are local people who know something about his murder, or will have heard things about it.</p> <p>“We constantly hope for a new breakthrough or information from someone who has come forward to tell the police what happened that night. We need closure. We need to know why this happened and who did it. If you know anything, please call the police and help us get justice.”</p> <p>As part of the 20th anniversary appeal, a reward has been increased to up to £20,000 for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder.</p> <p>Crimestoppers Regional Manager, Gemma Wilson, said: “The charity has a responsibility to fight crime, no matter how long ago it was committed, which is why we are supporting local police with this reward.</p> <p>“Shami’s friends and family have been left with unanswered questions for the past 20 years, and I am appealing to the good nature of local people to stand up for your community and give us the information that will lead to those responsible for his death. No one will know you contacted us and I promise you’ll never have to speak to police or go to court.”</p> <p>Two men, aged 42 and 43, arrested earlier this year have since been eliminated from the inquiry, and there will be no further action against them.</p>	
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£10000	Aug 2015	Theft of Ring	<p>20/08/2015 <u>£10,000 REWARD FOLLOWING NUTHALL ROBBERY</u> Information around two men wanted in connection with a robbery could generate a £10,000 reward.</p> <p>Independent charity Crimestoppers is offering the reward following the robbery which took place in Nuthall on the evening of Thursday 11 July 2013.</p> <p>At about 8pm two men assaulted a couple who were in the garden of their home in Nottingham Road, Nuthall.</p> <p>The men stole items of jewellery from the couple before making good their escape in a mid-blue coloured BMW.</p> <p>A diamond solitaire ring and a Fendi watch were taken. The victims were not injured in the attack but they have been left badly shaken by the ordeal.</p> <p>One of the offenders is described as white, in his 20s with fair skin and hair. He was wearing a blue jacket and a cap. The victim noticed, in particular, he had badly discoloured teeth which were in a bad condition.</p> <p>Detective Constable Karl Aram said: "This was a brutal robbery which has left the victims very shaken.</p> <p>"No one should have to deal with having their property and person invaded in this way and I want to make sure we bring the offenders to justice.</p> <p>"The ring that was taken in the robbery was a unique diamond solitaire and of great sentimental value to the victim. I would urge anyone who has been offered a ring of this kind or knows something about it to get in touch with us.</p> <p>Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £10,000 for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible.</p> <p>Anyone with any information about the robbery or the offenders is asked to contact DC Aram on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.</p> <p>A 25-year-old Kimberley man has been arrested in connection with the robbery. He has been released on bail.</p>	Undetected
£5000	Apr 2014	Aggravated Assault	<p>15/04/2015</p>	Undetected

REWARD OFFERED AFTER HUCKNALL HOME ATTACK

Do you know who assaulted a 64-year-old man in his Hucknall home? There may be £5,000 in it for you if you do.

Three masked men forced their way into the house, in Auckland Road, at about 8.30pm on Tuesday 1 April 2014.

Nothing was stolen but the occupants, a couple in their 60s, were left battered and bruised, and traumatised by the ordeal.

Following an initial witness appeal the Force released an image of the man's injuries, which included a suspected broken nose and cheekbone as well as a fractured hand.

Now crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £5,000 for anyone who provides anonymous information directly to the charity leading to a conviction.

Do you hold the key to this case?

Detective Inspector Phil Sims said: "Someone out there knows who did this. You've seen the picture of the appalling injuries the victim suffered. He fought as best he could against the three intruders so they wouldn't harm his wife, but they made him pay for that bravery.

"These are violent men unconcerned by the consequences of their actions. Tell us who they are so they can't hurt anyone else.

"This reward may offer an extra incentive to someone who has been unwilling or undecided about coming forward before now.

"If you have any information, no matter how insignificant it may seem, please call us."

Gemma Wilson, of Crimestoppers, said; "Any information, no matter how small, could be vital in finding those responsible for this violent attack.

"Contact Crimestoppers anonymously and tell us what you know, not who you are. Your anonymity is 100% guaranteed, no one will ever know you contacted us."

If you have any information that can help the investigation contact 101 or, to be eligible for the reward, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Rewards are received in a way that maintains your anonymity. Information given directly to the police or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org will

			not qualify.	
£5000	May 2015	Sexual Assault	<p>06/05/2015 Independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is offering up to £5,000 for information about a sexual assault in Nottingham.</p> <p>The reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the sexual assault of a 20-year-old woman in Radford.</p> <p>The incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday 12 April when the victim was walking home after a night out in the city centre.</p> <p>The incident occurred in a car park on Randal Street, sometime between 2am and 2.30am.</p> <p>CCTV footage shows a man walking along adjoining Radford Road at about the time of the incident (pictured).</p> <p>It is believed this man may have vital information about the incident and anyone who knows or recognises him is urged to contact Crimestoppers, which can be done completely anonymously on 0800 555 111, as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Crimestoppers charity is now offering a reward of up to £5,000 for information received via the anonymous 0800 555 111 telephone number or anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org, leading to the arrest and conviction of the offender responsible.</p> <p>A Crimestoppers spokesperson said: "This was clearly a very distressing ordeal for the victim and for this reason we'd ask that anyone with information about the incident or the man in the CCTV picture contacts Crimestoppers anonymously, safe in the knowledge that your identity will never be revealed.</p> <p>"We will never ask for any of your details, and significantly, you'll never have to give a statement to police or go to court. So please, do the right thing,</p> <p>Call 0800 555 111 and tell us what you know."If you have any information then please contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through our Anonymous Online Form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org</p> <p>*Note: the full reward will only qualify if information is passed to Crimestoppers' 0800 555 111 number or Anonymous Online Form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.</p>	Undetected

			Information passed directly to police will not qualify.	
£5000	Sept 2012	Aggravated Burglary	<p>07/09/2012 <u>CRIMESTOPPERS REWARD FOR KIMBERLEY ROBBERY INFORMATION</u> Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to £5,000 to help catch the offenders who robbed an elderly woman in her own home a fortnight ago.</p> <p>The 63-year-old victim was held down as four offenders searched her Kimberley home, demanding cash and removing her jewellery.</p> <p>It is believed they threatened her with a knife and sprayed her with a kitchen cleaning substance before leaving.</p> <p>No one has yet been arrested and detectives are keen to hear from anyone with information about the incident, which happened in Bassett Close at around 7.50pm on Saturday 25 August.</p> <p>The four offenders are all described as white and aged between 18 and 21 years old. All were around 5ft 6ins - 5ft 7ins tall and three had short dark hair. One was of plump build and was wearing a distinctive light blue hat and white sweatshirt.</p> <p>They were seen to knock on the victim's door several times before she answered. They then forced their way in. It is believed they entered and exited Bassett Close via Alma Hill.</p> <p>Detective Sergeant Steve Wragg, who is leading the investigation, said: "This was a terrifying ordeal for the victim, who has subsequently suffered a heart attack and is currently very seriously ill in hospital.</p> <p>"The offenders who carried this out are undoubtedly callous with no concern whatsoever for the vulnerability of their victim and the fear she felt. We need to trace them and bring them before the courts as soon as possible, before they attempt something like this again.</p> <p>"I'm grateful to Crimestoppers for offering this reward to assist the investigation. I would urge anyone with information to contact Crimestoppers anonymously at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>"If you were in the Bassett Close or Alma Hill area on that Saturday evening a fortnight ago, did you see a group of four young people similar to the descriptions we have provided?</p> <p>"If so, and you haven't already done so, please pick up the</p>	Undetected

			<p>phone and let us know.”</p> <p>The reward is only payable for information given to Crimestoppers via their dedicated 0800 555 111 phone number that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the robbery.</p> <p>The service is anonymous, but the charity operates a system which ensures those who provide the vital information can claim their reward.</p> <p>Information can also be provided to Nottinghamshire Police directly by telephoning 101, and quoting incident number 829 of 25 August. Please note that information given directly to the police is not eligible for the reward.</p>	
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Rewards come from a range of sources including from the Crimestoppers charities, insurance companies and private funding. Information concerning whether a reward has been paid is not held by Nottinghamshire Police.

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115 9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Officer

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

Nottinghamshire Police has a duty to implement a complaints process in relation to Freedom of Information Act requests. If you are not content with our response, you may appeal, this process is known as an 'Internal Review'

Internal reviews are intended to be a fair and impartial means of reviewing the original request process.

You can appeal about your request if you:-

- Disagree with the Forces interpretation of your request;
- Believe the Force hold more information than has been disclosed to you;
- Disagree with the application of exemptions;

How do I appeal?

All appeals should be made in writing and sent to:-

Information Management
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Notts
NG5 8PP

or alternatively freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible please provide the unique identification number provided with your response and the reasons for your appeal.

Once we have received your request for appeal, your FOI response will be reviewed in full to identify any problems in the disclosure.

The review will be undertaken by someone different from, and preferably senior to, the original decision maker and this should be completed within 20 working days from receipt, in exceptional circumstances it may be extended by a further 20 working days.

What if I'm still not satisfied?

You can appeal to the Information Commissioner. You can contact the Information Commissioner Office at the following:-

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

E-mail: casework@ico.org.uk