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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 12/08/2015.

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

Please find below answers to your questions:-

RESPONSE

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

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information about suspects classed as `wanted' by your force.

I would be grateful if the following information could be provided to me:

1) How many suspects are classed by your force as `wanted' on the Police National Computer?

As of 01/07/15 there were 1,347 wanted items on PNC

2) For each of the ten suspects classed as `wanted' for the longest amount of time, please provide:

- a) Their name
- b) Their photograph

Nottinghamshire police are unable to provide this information as requested as this information would be exempt under by virtue of Section 30(1) - Investigations of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

30(1) is a class based qualified exemption which requires a public interest test to be carried out.

Upon completion of this process I am then required to ascertain where the balance in compliance with disclosure of any relevant information lies. Please see below.

30. - (1) Information held by a public authority is exempt information if it has at any time been held by the authority for the purposes of—

(a) any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained— .

(i) whether a person should be charged with an offence, or

(ii) whether a person charged with an offence is guilty of it,

(b) any investigation which is conducted by the authority and in the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to institute criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct, or

(c) any criminal proceedings which the authority has power to conduct.

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption. Consideration must be given with regard to whether there is a public interest in neither confirming nor denying that any other information exists is the appropriate response.

Evidence of Harm

In releasing information about the above incident it is possible it would have the effect of undermining any ongoing and/or covert investigations as it could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Section 30 Public Interest Considerations

Factors favouring disclosure

The Police Service is tasked with the delivery of effective law enforcement ensuring the detection and prevention of crime and the public has a right to know that Nottinghamshire Police focuses its attention and responsibility to ensuring serious criminal offences are dealt with appropriately and efficiently.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

Disclosure of the information requested could lead to individuals with criminal intent becoming aware of whether or not their activities have been detected

and could ultimately compromise policing tactics, operations and future prosecutions.

Balancing Test

The Police Service is tasked with protecting the community we serve and solving crime and there is a public interest argument in ensuring we are open and transparent with regard to policing investigations and operations. There is no doubt that for the issue outlined above any disclosure relating to investigation information could jeopardise those important roles.

It is therefore our opinion that the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure of the information at this time.

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with Section 30(2) of the act being applied.

c) The offence(s) they are wanted for

1. Burglary
2. Fraud
3. Fraud
4. Fraud
5. Fraud
6. Fraud
7. Fraud
8. Fraud
9. Fraud
10. Fraud

d) The calendar year the offence(s) they are wanted for took place

11. 2010
12. between 2009-2010
13. between 2009-2010
14. between 2009-2010
15. between 2009-2010
16. between 2009-2010
17. between 2009-2010
18. between 2009-2010
19. between 2009-2010
20. between 2009-2010

e) Their age

21. age 28
22. age 31
23. age26
24. age24
25. age 27
26. age 24
27. age 32
28. age 23
29. age 28
30. age 34

Please release all non exempt material.

Complaints Rights

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

Copyright

Nottinghamshire Police in complying with their statutory duty under Sections 1 and 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) to release the enclosed information will not breach the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

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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