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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 09/10/2014.

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 the information you have requested.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

I would like to know the following:

The five highest value items to be recorded as stolen by the force in the past 12 months (October 2013 to September 2014).

For each item, I would like to know the value of the item and the circumstances surrounding its theft including the location, date and time of day it was stolen.

I would also like to know whether the item was recovered.

Please see the table of results below – please note that we are only able to provide our response based on information recorded within the crime record in respect of the value of the property reported as stolen. The property value section may not always be recorded as it may be unknown at the time of creating the offence record.

The 5 highest value items* to be recorded as Stolen* in the past 12 months****

Rank	Incident Created Date**	Location	Property Type	Property Cash Value***	Property Recovered	Circumstances
1	04/10/2013	City	Currency	£400,000.00	No	Large quantity of cash stolen over period of approx 4 years by employee
2	02/11/2013	City	Currency	£195,000.00	Yes	Theft of cash from safe during burglary of Public House
3	27/03/2014	Dunkirk	Tobacco	£152,990.00	No	Theft of boxes of cigarettes on 2 occasions from rear of moving lorry
4	22/11/2013	Arnold	Jewellery	£117,000.00	No	Theft of jewellery and other valuable items by employee
5	Aug-14	S30	S30	£50,000.00	S30	S30
5	27/02/2014	Bestwood	Currency	£50,000.00	Yes	Burglary
5	Sep-14	S30	S30	£50,000.00	S30	S30

* HMIC Crime Tree Category Theft used, this includes all types of Burglary and Theft

** Date Range is 01/10/2013 to 30/09/2014 and the Incident created date is used but be aware the crime may have happened over a period of time or reported after a period of time has passed. The actual time and date of the crime cannot be determined in these cases.

*** Value of Items are only recorded in the Property Value Field

Please note this information is taken from a live crime system and may be subject to change

Source: Performance and Insight 22.10.2014

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. **It should be noted that for these reasons, this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.**

Some of the incidents identified within the scope of your request are currently under investigation and therefore the following exemption has been applied:

Section 30(1)(a)(b)(c): Investigations & Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities

S30 – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities

Section 30(1)(a)(b)(c) relates to investigations in general terms and covers information that has been held by a public authority at any time in relation to a specific investigation, criminal or otherwise. This exemption applied where a public authority has a duty to conduct an investigation to determine whether an individual should be charged with an offence or whether a charged person is guilty of an offence and where the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to instigate criminal proceedings (which the authority has the power to conduct).

As a class-based and qualified exemption, I am required to apply the public interest test in relation to this exemption.

Factors Favouring non-disclosure

Disclosure of information in relation to on-going investigations could result in those investigations or any subsequent criminal proceedings becoming prejudiced. To reveal the level of detail requested may alert offenders to information which the constabulary holds that would assist them in evading eventual justice and fall outside the normal rules of evidence. To disclose information which could identify specific on-going investigations could result in the destruction of evidence which would subjudice any potential criminal proceedings leading to offenders potentially going unpunished and loss of justice for those victims affected.

Disclosure of information could mean that the right to a fair trial may be harmed. Any individual coming before a court for these crimes may be unfairly prejudiced by the full release of this information through its exposure through the media either locally or nationally.

Release of this information could hinder the prevention and detection of crime. Freely showing where certain high value thefts have occurred may lead to repeat offences occurring at that location through the perception that those premises are not adequately protected.

Factors which favour disclosure

Disclosure of information would satisfy individuals that investigations are being properly conducted. The public are entitled to have confidence in the Police's ability to conduct investigation for this in an efficient manner and public awareness is heightened through appropriate disclosure.

Nottinghamshire Police Force has a duty to wisely spend the funds which are made available through the public purse so the disclosure may help to demonstrate that the Force are using those funds in the most efficient way.

Balancing Test

The requested information relates to on-going investigations being undertaken to collect evidence and potentially prosecute individuals for breaking the law. The ability of the Force to conduct such investigation is crucial to it being able to prevent and detect crime and premature disclosure of information around specific operations would undermine the Force's ability to fulfil its primary function of law enforcement.

On this occasion I believe that the public interest is better served through the non-disclosure of this information. I conclude that the arguments in favour of maintaining the exemption outweigh those weighted towards disclosure.

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

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

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