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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2008-03928

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** FEMALES ARRESTED/CHARGED SINCE 2002

### Request:

**Please release the number of females a) arrested and b) charged in each year since 2002 for the following crimes:**

- murder
- attempted murder
- manslaughter
- rape
- any other sexual offences
- any other violent offences

### Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please find attached figures / details as requested.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland upgraded the IT Systems used for recording arrest and charge data during 2005/6. Aspects of the upgrade are ongoing however the transition has meant that only the figures for 2006 onwards relate exactly to your request, whereas the figures prior to 2006 are differently defined. Prior to 2006 we could only provide the number of arrests and a figure for persons prosecuted. That second figure would include those charged, as well as those simply reported for prosecution.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this email.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the

Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that all PSNI replies under Freedom of Information will be released simultaneously into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk).

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

**Females Arrested**

**Murder**

**Total**

Year 2002	6
Year 2003	15
Year 2004	13
Year 2005	9

**Attempted Murder**

Year 2002	13
Year 2003	19
Year 2004	14
Year 2005	13

**Manslaughter**

Year 2002	1
Year 2003	6
Year 2004	1
Year 2005	1

**Rape**

Year 2002	0
Year 2003	1
Year 2004	0
Year 2005	0

**Sexual Offences**

Year 2002	15
Year 2003	18
Year 2004	19
Year 2005	10

**Violent Offences**

Year 2002	1023
Year 2003	1164
Year 2004	1233
Year 2005	1525

**Female Arrests / Charges**

**Attempted Murder**                      **Arrests**    **Charges**

Year 2006	22	10
Year 2007	13	7
Year 2008	20	8

**Manslaughter**

Year 2006	0	0
Year 2007	0	0
Year 2008	3	3

**Murder**

Year 2006	9	6
Year 2007	6	6
Year 2008	3	2

**Rape**

Year 2006	1	0
Year 2007	0	1
Year 2008	0	0

**Sexual Offences**

Year 2006	16	17
Year 2007	11	16
Year 2008	9	11

**Violent Offences**

Year 2006	1010	1883
Year 2007	825	1727
Year 2008	509	1061

## **Female Prosecutions**

### **Murder**

### **Total**

Year 2002	2
Year 2003	1
Year 2004	4
Year 2005	1

### **Attempted Murder**

Year 2002	5
Year 2003	5
Year 2004	6
Year 2005	2

### **Manslaughter**

Year 2002	1
Year 2003	0
Year 2004	0
Year 2005	1

### **Rape**

Year 2002	0
Year 2003	0
Year 2004	0
Year 2005	0

### **Sexual Offences**

Year 2002	3
Year 2003	1
Year 2004	12
Year 2005	15

### **Violent Offences**

Year 2002	1425
Year 2003	1375
Year 2004	1493
Year 2005	1557