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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01366

Keyword: Crime

Subject: ARMED ROBBERIES IN BELFAST - 2004 / 2009

Request and Answer:

Question

The number of armed robberies carried out in each police district and including north, south, west and east Belfast during the financial years of 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

Answer

Please see attached table which shows the number of armed robberies in each police district and also in north, south, east and west Belfast during the financial years requested. Please note that A District is made up of North and West Belfast and B district is made up of East and South Belfast. The figures given in the Service column are a total figure for the service.

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Recorded armed robbery offences

	North Belfast	West Belfast	East Belfast	South Belfast
2004/05	136	57	41	161
2005/06	149	95	58	138
2006/07	120	77	64	140
2007/08	82	22	40	65
2008/09	94	25	27	92

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

	A District	B District	C District	D District	E District	F District	G District	H District	Service
2004/05	193	202	97	155	58	20	30	57	812
2005/06	244	196	69	155	67	22	42	47	842
2006/07	197	204	68	114	70	16	42	40	751
2007/08	104	105	36	69	62	18	24	26	444
2008/09	119	119	51	56	52	28	47	36	508

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI