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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00343

Keyword: Crime

Subject: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS (ASBO'S) ISSUED 2006/8

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested.

Clarification: What each ASBO was given for i.e. drug offences, violence etc and what length of time (are they for two years, four years, five years etc).

Question 1

Details of each ASBO issued in Ballymena in 2008 (16), 2007 (4) and 2006 (9).

Question 2

Details of each ASBO issued in Belfast in 2008 (4), 2007 (10), 2006 (7)

Question 3

Details of each ASBO issued in Newry in 2008 (2)

Question 4

Details of ASBO issued in Downpatrick in 2008 (1)

Question 5

Details of ASBO issued in Strabane in 2008 (1)

Answer

As at the time of your request, the ASBOs have been granted for a 2-year duration with the exception of two cases, which are for 3 years. ASBO's are granted by the courts for behaviour, which relates to harassment, alarm or distress. It is important to understand that many of the ASBO prohibitions are given on conviction for associated criminal offences and they are not always obtained as a result of a stand-alone application.

Harassment, alarm or distress includes the following:

Begging and urinating on the street

Anti Social Behaviour towards security staff in shops

Anti Social Behaviour within a housing development

Disorderly Behaviour, on street shouting particularly in the early hours

Threatening behaviour

Threatening, intimidating behaviour in the community

Assault on Police

Criminal Behaviour including Criminal Damage

Continuously entering shops from which barred

Letting off fireworks in a built up area

Burglary

Drugs related offences

Theft of charity boxes

Theft of alcohol and cigarettes

Passing counterfeit currency

Shouting abuse at females

Street drinking

Street fighting

Constantly going missing in the early hours

Graffiti

Consistently driving whilst disqualified

Driving unlicensed vehicles in a built up area

Riding as a pillion passenger on an unlicensed vehicle

Noise nuisance

Persistent, abusive and argumentative calls to government agencies and personnel

Persistent abuse towards emergency services

Persistent hoax 999 calls to ambulance and Police

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