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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02232

Keyword: Crime

Subject: ATTACKS ON ORANGE HALLS / PROTESTANT CHURCHES

Request and Answer:

Question 1

I would like to ask what is the number and location of known/reported attacks on Orange Halls and Protestant (Presbyterian/Church of Ireland/Methodist) Churches from 01 January 2009 to the present day 14 July 2009 across all of Northern Ireland?

If possible could this information be provided in chronological order?

Answer

Please find attached document below containing the information requested which has been extracted by Central Statistics Unit from the PSNI Niche database. This information has not been quality assured and it is dependent on the information being entered correctly at the relevant Districts.

This information includes attacks (e.g. arson and criminal damage) on orange halls / specified churches where the motivation is perceived to be sectarian. It does not include theft or offences which were not perceived to be sectarian.

Please note that this information is based on operational police information and therefore is subject to change. Data for the current financial year should be treated as highly provisional due to the very recent time period to which it refers. Please also note that the classification of a crime as having a sectarian motivation is not quality assured by PSNI Central Statistics Unit.

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

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

**Attacks¹ on Orange Halls and Protestant (Presbyterian/Church of
Ireland/ Methodist) Churches**

1 Jan 2009 to 14 Jul 2009

Month reported	Area	Premises Type
January	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
January	Fermanagh	Church of Ireland
February	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
February	Down	Orange Hall
February	Omagh	Orange Hall
March	Castlereagh	Presbyterian Church
March	Antrim	Orange Hall
March	Antrim	Orange Hall
March	Ballymoney	Presbyterian Church
March	Lisburn	Orange Hall
March	Lisburn	Orange Hall
March	Limavady	Orange Hall
March	Limavady	Presbyterian Church
March	Antrim	Orange Hall
March	Magherafelt	Orange Hall
March	North Belfast	Orange Hall
April	Cookstown	Church of Ireland
April	Lisburn	Orange Hall
April	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
April	Omagh	Orange Hall
April	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
May	Down	Orange Hall
June	Armagh	Orange Hall
June	Armagh	Orange Hall
June	North Belfast	Orange Hall
July	North Belfast	Orange Hall
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
July	Ballymena	Orange Hall
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
July	Lisburn	Orange Hall
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall

Month reported	Area	Premises Type
July	Ballymoney	Orange Hall
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