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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-03607

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Burglaries and Robberies where the victim has been over 65

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

The number of burglaries or robberies where the victim has been elderly ie over 65 - within the last year, 2009

Answer

Please see pages 1 and 2 below

Question 2

The number of those cases where there has been an arrest made.

Answer

There are 105 arrests and details of these can be found in pages 5 and 6 and 7 below.

The Horizon team were supplied with incident Urns of the committed offences so that they could provide the number of associated arrests. Please be aware that what has been provided will not necessarily be the total number of arrests for the offences in question due to the fact that some arrests can take place in other occurrences which relate to previous offences but are not electronically linked back to the original offences

Question 3

The number where a person has been charged with an offence

Answer

Please see pages 3 and 4 below.

Question 4

The number where a person has been convicted of an offence.

Answer

There have been 7 convictions for Burglary and 0 for Robbery.

Question 5

Details of the circumstances of any case where there has been either a charge or a conviction.

Answer

Please see pages 3 and 4 below.

Question 6

Also, would it be possible to get the number of burglaries/robberies where the victim is over the age of 65 for the previous year - 2008?

Answer

Please see pages 1 and 2 below.

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 letter.

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.

Recorded Burglary and Robbery Offences where the victim is aged 65+ years

	2008			1st January to 31st October 2009 ¹		
	All ages	Victim aged 65+ years	Victim age unknown	All ages	Victim aged 65+ years	Victim age unknown
Burglary	12,182	1,119	4,076	10,757	1,204	3,391
Robbery	1,149	93	375	1,085	88	302

Recorded and Cleared Burglary and Robbery Offences where the victim is aged 65+ years 1st January to 31st October 2009¹

	Victim aged 65+ years		
	Recorded	Of those recorded the number since cleared ^{2,3}	Of those recorded the number since cleared by means of charge ³
Burglary	1,204	76	52
Robbery	88	7	6

¹ Figures from 1st April 2009 are provisional and will be subject to change

² Includes clearances by means of charge

³ These clearance figures are subject to revision as non-cleared offences may currently be under investigation and may still be cleared.

Please Note:

Clearances (or detections as they may alternatively be known) are, broadly speaking, those crimes that have been 'cleared up' by the police. Crimes are counted as 'cleared or detected' in accordance with strict counting rules issued by the Home Office. They are counted on the basis of crimes rather than offenders. For example, if six offenders are involved in a robbery and are all arrested and charged, then this counts as one clearance (i.e. the robbery is deemed to be 'cleared'). Alternatively if only one of the six is identified and charged while the other five remain unidentified and at large, this also means that the robbery can still be deemed as 'cleared'.

The following methods of clearance involve a formal sanction:

- Charging or issuing a summons to an offender;
- Issuing a caution to the offender;
- Having the offence accepted for consideration in court;
- The offender is a juvenile who is dealt with by means of an informed warning, restorative caution or prosecutorial diversion.

In addition, for the most serious offence types a non sanction clearance can be claimed if:

- The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) directs no prosecution; or
- The case cannot proceed because the offender has died.

Recorded Burglary and Robbery Offences where the victim is aged 65+ years

1st January to 31st October 2009

Date Reported	Occurrence Date	Offence type	Age of Vic	Clearance Method	Victim Inj	Property Description 1	Property Description 2	Property Description 3	Property Description 4	Property Description 5
09/01/2009	09/01/2009	ROBBERY	80	Charge	THREAT	Jewellery				
03/02/2009	03/02/2009	BURGLARY	76	Charge	NONE					
05/02/2009	05/02/2009	BURGLARY	79	Charge	NONE					
14/02/2009	14/02/2009	BURGLARY	67	Charge	NONE					
17/02/2009	17/02/2009	BURGLARY	69	Charge	NONE					
18/02/2009	18/02/2009	ROBBERY	66	Charge	MINOR					
25/02/2009	25/02/2009	BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Foodstuffs	Pound sterling			
28/02/2009	27/02/2009	BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Jewellery	Pound sterling			
02/03/2009	19/02/2009	BURGLARY	91	Charge	NONE					
02/03/2009	19/02/2009	BURGLARY	66	Charge	NONE					
08/03/2009	08/03/2009	BURGLARY	88	Charge	NONE					
08/03/2009	08/03/2009	BURGLARY	81	Charge	NONE					
08/03/2009	08/03/2009	BURGLARY	72	Charge	NONE					
08/03/2009	08/03/2009	BURGLARY	85	Charge	NONE					
08/03/2009	08/03/2009	BURGLARY	81	Charge	NONE					
09/03/2009	09/03/2009	BURGLARY	65	Charge	NONE	Communications device	Other	Other article	Personal accessories	Pound sterling
13/03/2009	13/03/2009	ROBBERY	71	Charge	NONE	Personal accessories				
17/03/2009	17/03/2009	BURGLARY	70	Charge	NONE	Pound sterling				
18/03/2009	18/03/2009	BURGLARY	73	Charge	NONE					
03/04/2009	03/04/2009	BURGLARY	76	Charge	NONE	Cheque	Other article	Personal accessories	Pound sterling	
11/04/2009	11/04/2009	BURGLARY	82	Charge	NONE					
15/04/2009	15/04/2009	BURGLARY	66	Charge	NONE	Machinery or tools				
17/05/2009	17/05/2009	BURGLARY	93	Charge	NONE					
18/05/2009	16/05/2009	BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Jewellery				
20/05/2009	14/05/2009	BURGLARY	69	Charge	NONE	Beer	Machinery or tools	Wine		
20/05/2009	20/05/2009	ROBBERY	83	Charge	THREAT	Pound sterling				
23/05/2009	23/05/2009	BURGLARY	80	Charge	NONE	Jewellery				
27/05/2009	27/05/2009	BURGLARY	69	Charge	NONE					
28/05/2009	28/05/2009	BURGLARY	87	Charge	NONE	Machinery or tools				
29/05/2009	29/05/2009	BURGLARY	71	Charge	NONE					
10/06/2009	10/06/2009	BURGLARY	72	Charge	NONE	Machinery or tools				
10/06/2009	10/06/2009	BURGLARY	67	Charge	NONE	Computers, parts or accessories				
11/06/2009	11/06/2009	BURGLARY	85	Charge	NONE	Other				
16/06/2009	15/06/2009	BURGLARY	75	Charge	NONE	Art/antiques	Household articles	Jewellery		
17/06/2009	16/06/2009	ROBBERY	76	Charge	THREAT	Pound sterling				
18/06/2009	18/06/2009	BURGLARY	87	Charge	NONE	Pound sterling				
19/06/2009	19/06/2009	BURGLARY	89	Charge	NONE					
21/06/2009	21/06/2009	BURGLARY	65	Charge	NONE					
27/06/2009	27/06/2009	ROBBERY	76	Charge	NONE	Pound sterling				
27/06/2009	27/06/2009	BURGLARY	74	Charge	NONE	Other article				
29/06/2009	29/06/2009	BURGLARY	89	Charge	NONE					
05/07/2009	05/07/2009	BURGLARY	73	Charge	NONE					
07/07/2009	07/07/2009	BURGLARY	72	Charge	NONE	Computers, parts or accessories	Photographic equipment	Pound sterling		
08/07/2009	08/07/2009	BURGLARY	70	Charge	NONE	Foreign currency	Pound sterling			
17/07/2009	17/07/2009	BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE					
01/08/2009	01/08/2009	BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Art/antiques				

02/08/2009	02/08/2009 BURGLARY	69	Charge	NONE	Communications device	Machinery or tools	Spirits	Wine
05/08/2009	05/08/2009 BURGLARY	85	Charge	NONE				
05/08/2009	05/08/2009 BURGLARY	86	Charge	NONE				
03/09/2009	30/08/2009 BURGLARY	73	Charge	NONE	Communications device	Driving Licence	Foreign currency	Other article
07/09/2009	07/09/2009 BURGLARY	72	Charge	NONE	Machinery or tools			
07/09/2009	07/09/2009 BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Computers, parts or accessories			
15/09/2009	15/09/2009 BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE	Jewellery	Other article	Pound sterling	
03/10/2009	03/10/2009 BURGLARY	76	Charge	NONE	Pound sterling			
06/10/2009	06/10/2009 BURGLARY	70	Charge	NONE	Communications device			
17/10/2009	17/10/2009 BURGLARY	67	Charge	NONE	Machinery or tools	Other article	Sporting goods	
25/10/2009	25/10/2009 BURGLARY	89	Charge	NONE				
31/10/2009	31/10/2009 BURGLARY	68	Charge	NONE				

reason_for_arrest	arrest_date	charged_on_arrest_record	no_of_charge_sheets
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	09/01/2009	Y	2
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	23/01/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	02/03/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	03/02/2009	Y	1
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	03/02/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	06/02/2009	N	0
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	14/02/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/02/2009	Y	2
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/02/2009	Y	2
TAKING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNERS CONSENT	18/02/2009	N	1
GOING EQUIPPED FOR THEFT	18/02/2009	N	1
DRIVING ETC.WHILE DISQUALIFIED (OFFENCES ON OR AFTER 16 JULY 2008)	18/02/2009	Y	1
FALSE IMPRISONMENT	18/02/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	13/02/2009	N	0
FOUND ON PREMISES FOR UNLAWFUL PURPOSE	22/02/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	24/02/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	28/04/2009	Y	2
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	07/03/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	12/03/2009	N	0
ROBBERY	13/03/2009	Y	1
BREACH OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDER	13/03/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	27/03/2009	N	0
HANDLING	08/04/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	11/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	11/04/2009	N	0
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY AND STEALING	11/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	11/04/2009	N	1
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY AND STEALING	11/04/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	11/04/2009	Y	1
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY AND STEALING	11/04/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND ATTEMPTED THEFT - DWELLING	13/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND ATTEMPTED THEFT - DWELLING	13/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	08/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	08/04/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	06/05/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	08/05/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	13/05/2009	Y	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	13/05/2009	N	1
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	13/05/2009	N	0

CRIMINAL DAMAGE	13/05/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	13/05/2009	N	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	13/05/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/05/2009	N	0
TAKING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNERS CONSENT	18/05/2009	Y	1
DRIVING WHILE DISQUALIFIED - DISQUALIFIED ON OR AFTER 1 OCTOBER 1997	18/05/2009	N	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	18/05/2009	Y	1
AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE	18/05/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	18/05/2009	N	0
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	27/05/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	27/05/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	27/05/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	28/05/2009	N	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	28/05/2009	Y	1
DRIVING WHEN UNFIT THROUGH DRINK OR DRUGS	31/05/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	11/06/2009	N	0
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	11/06/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	11/06/2009	N	0
PRODUCING CLASS B CONTROLLED DRUG	11/06/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	14/06/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	30/06/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	29/06/2009	N	0
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL	22/06/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	28/06/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	28/06/2009	N	0
ROBBERY	28/06/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	29/06/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	05/07/2009	Y	1
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY AND STEALING	08/07/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	11/07/2009	Y	1
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	17/07/2009	Y	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A FEMALE OR BOY UNDER 14 YEARS	18/07/2009	Y	1
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/07/2009	N	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	18/07/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	17/07/2009	Y	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	18/07/2009	Y	1
AT4508006 - ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/07/2009	N	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	18/07/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	17/07/2009	Y	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	18/07/2009	Y	1

BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	24/07/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	24/07/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	24/07/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	27/07/2009	N	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	09/09/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	10/08/2009	N	0
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	25/08/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	25/08/2009	N	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	26/08/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	09/09/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	09/09/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	15/09/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	23/09/2009	N	0
Detained on Breach of Bail Conditions	24/09/2009	N	0
THEFT	11/10/2009	Y	1
POSSESSING FIREARM AND AMMUNITION IN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	30/11/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	13/10/2009	N	0
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	17/10/2009	Y	1
ROBBERY	24/10/2009	N	0
ROBBERY	24/10/2009	N	0
BURGLARY WITH INTENT TO STEAL - DWELLING	25/10/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	12/11/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	19/11/2009	N	0
Detained on Money Warrant	19/11/2009	N	0
BURGLARY AND THEFT - DWELLING	24/11/2009	Y	1
BURGLARY AND THEFT - NON DWELLING	29/11/2009	N	0