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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-00033

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** CHRISTMAS CARD SCHEME

### 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

How many individuals who received a PSNI Christmas card handed themselves in to the PSNI before the 25/12/08?

#### Answer

There were 178 cards posted to offenders wanted on warrant for non-payment of fines and failing to appear in Court. 9 of the persons to whom cards were posted handed themselves in before 25/12/2008.

A total of 57 warrants relating to the 178 offenders were executed.

#### Question 2

How many of the 200 individuals to receive a PSNI Christmas card did the PSNI arrest before the 31/12/08?

#### Answer

7 of the persons to whom cards were posted were arrested before 31/12/2008. A number of other offenders voluntarily came forward to PSNI to pay their fines or made arrangements to attend Court to avoid arrest. Currently, proactive operations are ongoing within each operational Region of the Police Service of Northern Ireland to deal with the remainder of those persons who received a Card and who are still wanted on warrant and as such the figure may change on a daily basis.

#### Question 3

How many of the 200 individuals to receive a PSNI Christmas card are still on the run as of today the 5/01/09

#### Answer

150 persons included in the scheme remained wanted on warrant for non-payment of fines or failing to appear at Court as of 05/01/2009. Proactive operations are ongoing within each operational Region of the Police Service of Northern Ireland to deal with those persons who are wanted on warrant and as such the figure may change on a daily basis.

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.

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