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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02146

Keyword: Crime

Subject: KNIFE CRIME

Request and Answer:

Questions 1 - 4

Number of murders from January 1 2009 to July 7 2009, where a knife was used?

Number of attempted murders from January 1 2009 to July 7 2009 where a knife was used?

Number of assaults from January 1 2009 to July 7 2009 where a knife was used?

Could I have question 1-3 covering the same period as 2008?

Answer

Please see the attached table which details these incidents where a knife was involved for the periods required in 2008 and 2009. Please note, the figures relate to offences where a knife was involved in the incident. It is not known how the knife was actually used.

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.

Recorded offences where a knife was involved¹ in the incident

Northern Ireland

	1 st Jan – 7 th Jul 2008	1 st Jan – 7 th Jul 2009
Murder	2	5
Attempted Murder	23	16
Assaults ²	211	199

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Please note that these figures are based on modus operandi information taken from a live crime recording system & and may be subject to change.

¹ The figures relate to offences where a knife was involved in the incident – it is not known how the knife was actually used.

² The assault figures include offences of wounding with intent, GBH with intent, wounding, GBH, AOABH, aggravated assault, common assault and assault on police. Please note that these figures will include offences where no injury was sustained.