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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-02923

Keyword: Crime

Subject: KNIFE CRIME SINCE 1 APRIL 2007

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please release the number of knife crimes recorded in each quarter since 1 April 2007 under the following categories set down by the Home Office: murder, attempted murder, woundings with intent to cause GBH, wounding or inflicting GBH, robbery of business property and robbery of personal property.

Answer

Please find attached information 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 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.

**SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENCES RECORDED BY THE POLICE INVOLVING KNIVES OR SHARP INSTRUMENTS¹
EACH QUARTER SINCE 1st APRIL 2007**

NORTHERN IRELAND

Crime type	Q1 2007/08	Q2 2007/08	Q3 2007/08	Q4 2007/08	Q1 2008/09	Q2 2008/09	Q3 2008/09	Q4 2008/09	Q1 2009/10
Murder	1	3	0	1	1	4	2	1	4
Attempted Murder	7	7	22	14	9	15	9	11	5
Wounding/GBH with intent	45	39	36	43	50	64	68	48	91
Wounding/GBH	14	21	17	14	8	21	16	12	10
Robbery – business property	45	22	17	33	14	22	40	60	23
Robbery – personal property	16	16	21	24	23	18	25	16	16

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Knives/sharp instruments are as defined by the Home Office.

Please note that the knife/sharp instrument figures are based on weapon details taken from a live operational system and are therefore subject to change.