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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00302

Keyword: Crime

Subject: MISSING/UNACCOUNTED SEX OFFENDERS 2006/8

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.

Question

The amount of sex offenders in Northern Ireland who have been reported missing or unaccounted for in 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Answer

Presently there are 5 sex offenders who are missing and all are believed to be outside the UK jurisdiction:

- 1 went missing in 1998 still outstanding
- 1 went missing in 2006 still outstanding
- 2 went missing in 2007 still outstanding
- 1 went missing in 2008 still outstanding

In relation to the number of registered sexual offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, have as of this date, 5 RSOs currently recorded as wanted because their whereabouts are unknown. This total is only valid for the date specified because the information is dynamic and will change as arrests are made or new cases come to light through proactive intelligence led policing and routine visits to registered offenders.

As at 10/02/09 there were 854 registered sex offenders in Northern Ireland.

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.

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