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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00184

Keyword: Crime

Subject: SERIOUS SEX CRIME IN COUNTY TYRONE DURING 2008

Request and Answer:

Question 1

Please specify how many rapes were reported to the PSNI in the following four areas during the 2008 calendar year: Dungannon, Cookstown, Omagh and Strabane. Please provide a comparison with figures from the 2006 and 2007 calendar years.

Question 2

Of the above figure, please specify how many rapes involved victims aged 16 and under in each of these areas during 2008.

Question 3

Of the above figure, please specify how many rapes involved victims aged 65 and over in each of these areas during 2008.

Question 4

Please specify the age of the youngest victim who reported they were the victim of a rape in each of these areas during 2008.

Question 5

Please specify the age of the oldest victim who reported they were the victim of a rape in each of these areas during 2008.

Answer

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested and the statistics in relation to the questions above can be found in the attached 01889 pdf.

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 rape and attempted rape offences in selected policing areas

		Dungannon & South Tyrone	Cookstown	Strabane	Omagh	Total
2006	Rape	13	6	7	13	39
	Attempted Rape	0	0	1	2	3
	Total	13	6	8	15	42
2007	Rape	5	4	10	13	32
	Attempted Rape	1	0	0	4	5
	Total	6	4	10	17	37
2008 ¹	Rape	7	6	6	8	27
	Attempted Rape	1	0	1	1	3
	Total	8	6	7	9	30

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Recorded rape (including attempts) offences in selected policing areas by age of victim

2008¹

	Dungannon & South Tyrone	Cookstown	Strabane	Omagh	Total
All Ages	8	6	7	9	30
16 years and under	2	5	2	1	10
65 years and over	0	0	0	0	0
Age Unknown	0	0	1	0	1

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

Recorded age of youngest and oldest victims of rape (including attempts) offences by selected policing areas

2008¹

	Age of youngest victim²	Age of oldest victim²
Dungannon & South Tyrone	10	37
Cookstown	7	35
Strabane	7	56
Omagh	6	51

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ The 2008 figures include information for the current financial year. These figures should be considered provisional and may be subject to change.

² Crime figures are based on the date the crime was reported to police. The victim age provided here is the age the victim was at the time the offence occurred. In relation to age of youngest victim, each of these relate to rapes (including attempts) which were reported to police during 2008 but which occurred in previous years.