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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-00833

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

Request and Answer:

Question

I am requesting the reasons for all ASBOs issued by the PSNI since 2005. If that is too far back to be processed easily, in the last two/three years would do.

Answer

ASBO's are granted by the courts for behaviour, which relates to harassment, alarm or distress. It is important to understand that many of the ASBO prohibitions are given on conviction for associated criminal offences and they are not always obtained as a result of a stand-alone application. To provide the information requested for the years requested would place the request over the appropriate fees limit as determined by the Secretary of State at £450 (18hrs). The requested information is not held centrally and requires each District Command Unit to examine each record for the information requested which would take in excess of 76 hours. However, the PSNI has been able to provide a list of behaviour / actions for which anti-social behaviour orders have been granted but are unable to tie the actions to individual orders within the appropriate fees level. This list is inexhaustible, as the court will decide on whether or not the behaviour merits the granting of an order.

Begging and urinating on the street.

Anti Social Behaviour towards security staff in shops

Anti Social Behaviour within a housing development.

Disorderly Behaviour, on street shouting particularly in the early hours.

Threats to Neighbours

Threatening behaviour

Threatening, intimidating behaviour in the community.

Assault on Police

Criminal Behaviour including Criminal Damage

Continuously entering shops from which barred

Letting off fireworks in a built up area.

Burglary

Drugs related offences

Theft of charity boxes

Theft of alcohol and cigarettes.

Passing counterfeit currency

Shouting abuse at females

Street drinking
Street fighting,
Constantly going missing in the early hours
Graffiti
Consistently driving whilst disqualified.
Driving unlicensed vehicles in a built up area.
Riding as a pillion passenger on an unlicensed vehicle
Noise nuisance
Persistent, abusive and argumentative calls to government agencies and personnel.
Persistent abuse towards emergency services.
Persistent hoax 999 calls to ambulance and Police.
Making hoax bomb calls
Misuse of telecommunications devices
Abuse of the Crimestoppers reporting system

It should be borne in mind that several types of behaviour may apply to more than one order; for example, one order could be granted for, burglary, spitting and assault.

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