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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F 2010 00543

Keyword: Crime

Subject: CARD FRAUD

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. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you.

Question 1

Further to my enquiry dated November 11 2009 I wish to query your response that no incidences of ATM fraud occurred in Belfast.

Answer 1

There have been very few instances of fraudulent devices fitted to machines in Northern Ireland, and certainly none in Belfast.

Question 2

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) I require updated information on the number of individuals whose card details were captured by fraudulent means at ATM machines in the last three consecutive years for which figures are available.

Question 3

I also require a geographical breakdown of these figures for each available year. For example, 45 incidences in Cookstown.

Answer 2 and 3

The General figure shows the number of bank customers resident in Northern Ireland who have had their cards skimmed (no matter where the actual skimming took place). The District Breakdown figures show instances in which a compromised card has been used to withdraw cash from an ATM in Northern Ireland (no matter where the actual skimming took place). Therefore the figures include customers from Northern Ireland whose cards were skimmed and used outside of Northern Ireland, as well as the use of compromised cards at ATMs within Northern Ireland.

	General	A District	B District	C District	D District	E District	F District	G District	H District
2007	318	2	8	2	0	10	1	1	1
2008	214	8	20	0	6	0	1	1	0
2009	338	7	8	0	0	32	0	0	0

Question 4

I also require information on the number of people prosecuted for this type of fraud for the past three consecutive years for which figures are available.

Answer 4

As far as numbers of persons prosecuted in the last 3 years is concerned, the unit that specifically deals with this have successfully prosecuted 2 persons for 'ATM Reversal' offences. There are several others who are either currently going through the courts; or are under active investigation; or are awaiting a decision from PPS.

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 letter.

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.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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