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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-00416

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Crimes Committed by Females

### 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 in full.

### Question

Please release the number of females a) arrested and b) charged in each year since 2005 for the following crimes:

- murder
- attempted murder
- manslaughter
- rape
- domestic violence
- any other sexual offences
- any other violent offences

### Clarification:

If the PSNI do not use Domestic Violence as a category for crime, then could it be highlighted in the other categories how many were domestically motivated and to include: any other incident

### Answer

In 2005 the recording systems and techniques used, captured statistics in a different format from those employed by PSNI today. Records did not identify incidents which were domestically motivated, therefore this information was not recorded in 2005.

Accordingly, in relation to domestic violence, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

Please see the table below providing details of females arrested and charged in 2005.

In relation to statistics for 2006 – 2010, PSNI cannot determine arrests for 'domestic violence' but such offences should be captured in the statistics provided. The PSNI recording system is unable to produce charges only.

Please see the table below providing details of females arrested and charged/reported for prosecution for calendar year 2006 - 2009.

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](mailto: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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

**Crime - Statistics - Females - 2005**

<b>2005</b>	<b>ARRESTED</b>	<b>CHARGED or REPORTED</b>
<b>MURDER</b>	12	1
<b>ATTEMPTED MURDER</b>	16	3
<b>MANSLAUGHTER</b>	1	2
<b>RAPE</b>	1	0
<b>OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>	12	13
<b>OTHER VIOLENT OFFENCES</b>	1668	1716
<b>Total</b>	<b>1698</b>	<b>1734</b>

**Crime - Statistics - Females 2006 - 2009**

	ARRESTED	DOMESTIC RELATED	CHARGED or REPORTED	DOMESTIC RELATED
MURDER				
2006	10	0	6	0
2007	6	1	6	1
2008	6	2	5	2
2009	16	4	9	4
ATTEMPTED MURDER				
2006	22	0	9	0
2007	13	4	7	4
2008	26	10	12	3
2009	16	9	8	5
MANSLAUGHTER				
2006	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0
2008	3	0	3	0
2009	0	0	0	0
RAPE				
2006	0	0	0	0
2007	1	0	1	0
2008	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0
OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES				
2006	16	0	16	0
2007	16	0	16	0
2008	23	0	23	0
2009	21	3	21	3
OTHER VIOLENT OFFENCES				
2006	1018	0	1514	0
2007	845	100	1424	135
2008	919	232	1512	338
2009	995	272	1610	379