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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01807

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Incidents Where a Glass or Bottle Was Used as a Weapon

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 and the answer to your question is as follows:

Question 1

How many incidents/cases were recorded last year where a glass or a bottle was carried or used as a weapon?

Answer

From 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 there were 545 selected violent and sexual offences recorded where a bottle/glass was used/involved in the incident.

Offences covered are murder, manslaughter, infanticide, attempted murder, threats to kill, wounding/GBH with intent, firearms/explosives offences endangering life, administering poison, wounding/GBH, robbery, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, rape (including attempts) and sexual assaults.

Please note that these figures are based on weapon details taken from a live operational system and are therefore subject to change.

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.

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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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