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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-02458

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Historic Enquiries Team Statistics

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 1

How many enquiries have been completed since the Team was set up?

Answer

The HET has completed 830 Reviews by operation and 1082 Reviews by victim.

Question 2

How many of the enquiries had led to arrests?

Answer

There have been 71 arrests to date.

Question 3

How many people have been charged to date?

Answer

The offences charged occurred between 1994 and 2005 and those taken into consideration occurred between 1990 and 2008.

Murder

14 Persons arrested, 10 charged with the murder.
8 charged with UVF membership offences.
3 reported for attempting to pervert the course of justice.
3 reported for the murder and assisting offenders.

Murder

4 people arrested
2 charged with murder
2 reported to PPS

Attempted murder

9 Persons arrested in total.
3 charged with attempted murder / GBH with intent.
6 reported to PPS for attempted murder / GBH with intent.

GBH

8 persons arrested and reported to the PPS for GBH / Aggravated burglary.

Abduction & GBH

3 arrested for this offence.
3 reported to PPS

Arson & intimidation attack

2 arrested for this offence.
2 reported to PPS.

Shooting

4 arrested for GBH and firearms offences.
4 reported to PPS.

Shooting

4 arrested for GBH
4 reported to PPS

Shooting

3 arrested.
3 reported to PPS.

GBH

14 arrested
14 reported to the PPS

Other arrests

Murder

1 arrested – Report to PPS

Murder

1 arrested - On bail not charged to date.

Murder

1 arrested - Charged bailed to Laganside Ct

Murder

1 arrested - On bail not charged to date

Murder

1 arrested – Referred to PPS No further action. Insufficient evidence

Murder

1 arrested - Papers submitted to PPS awaits decision.

Question 4

How many to date have been dealt with by the courts either by way of Plea of Guilty and/or been convicted?

Answer

Offences dealt with by arrest and charge/report to PPS under Operation Stafford

One individual pleaded 'guilty' to 54 individual charges and had 96 offences taken into consideration.

A second individual pleaded 'guilty' to 46 individual charges and had 24 offences taken into consideration.

The charged offences to which he pleaded guilty include wounding and grievous bodily harm with intent, possession of firearm with intent to endanger life, possession of firearms and ammunition with intent, arson and arson with intent to endanger life, conspiracy to hijack, conspiracy to commit false imprisonment, conspiracy to rob, possession of explosives with intent, causing an explosion, conspiracy to cause an explosion, conspiracy to intimidate, intimidation, riot, armed robbery, robbery, attempting to perverting the course of justice, criminal damage, possession of offensive weapons and possession of cocaine.

Question 5

What is the religious breakdown of the team of investigators?

Answer

Grafton ESP is the Master Vendor to supply agency staff to the PSNI and HET. HET/PSNI do not hold the religious breakdown for agency members of staff.

Question 6

How many of those charged to date are Republicans who were involved in terrorism?

Answer

The HET cannot discuss whether a person has previous convictions until those charged have been convicted. At that stage previous convictions are given in court and are in the public domain.

Question 7

How many of those charged to date are Loyalist who were involved in terrorism?

Answer

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