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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01594

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime/Offences Against Pensioners

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

I am trying to get statistics for the number of attacks against pensioners in the last five years, including this year to date.

Answer

Please see the table below detailing recorded violent crime and domestic burglary offences from 2005 – May 2010 where the victim is aged 65 and over.

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.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public

domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

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

Recorded violent crime¹ and domestic burglary offences by age of victim

Northern Ireland

	Violent crime		Domestic burglary		% where victim age unknown
	All ages	65+	All ages	65+	
2005/06	34408	421	7259	1177	2.3%
2006/07	35223	479	6831	881	2.0%
2007/08	32545	407	6712	901	2.9%
2008/09	32694	506	7351	1081	2.7%
2009/10	33100	503	7270	1141	3.6%
1st Apr - 31st May 2010	5260	79	1267	166	12.8%

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Violent crime includes Offences against the person, Sexual offences and Robberies.

Please Note:

Figures from 1st April 2010 are provisional and will be subject to change.