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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-03320

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Arrests At International Football Matches

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question

Details of the number of arrests made by the PSNI inside Windsor Park, Belfast, at the following international football fixtures:

- 10 September 2008 (vs Czech Republic)
- 15 October 2008 (vs San Marino)
- 28 March 2009 (vs Poland)
- 1 April 2009 (vs Slovenia)
- 9 September 2009 (vs Slovakia)

Answer

I have been advised that the number of arrests made inside Windsor Park at the above fixtures is zero.

Question

I would also be grateful if you could breakdown the arrests by the type of offence committed if possible.

Answer

Not applicable as per answer to first question.

Question

Details of the number of arrests made by the PSNI in the vicinity of Windsor Park, Belfast, at the following international football fixtures and where the offence was directly related to the match that was played:

- 10 September 2008 (vs Czech Republic)
- 15 October 2008 (vs San Marino)
- 28 March 2009 (vs Poland)

- 1 April 2009 (vs Slovenia)
- 9 September 2009 (vs Slovakia)

Answer

There were 9 arrests made by the PSNI in the vicinity of Windsor Park at the international match against Poland on 28th March 2009.

The number of arrests with regard to the other matches is zero.

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.

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