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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2009-03989

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Questions About The Holyland Area In Belfast

### 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 1

How many fixed penalty parking Tickets have been issued in the following areas Jan 07-08 and 08-09 and 09 to date

Fitzroy Avenue	Palestine St	Cadogen St
Carmel St	Jerusalem St	Collingwood Ave
Rugby Ave	Damascus St	Harrow Street
Agincourt Avenue	Cairo St	Rugby Rd
College Park Ave	Penrose Street	Agincourt St
University Ave		

#### Answer

Please find below a table illustrating the numbers of fixed penalty parking tickets issued.

#### Question 2

How many burglaries have been committed in Holyland area Jan 07-08 and 08-09 and 09 to date

#### Question 3

How many of these have been caught and how many convictions have been secured Jan 07-08 and 08-09 and 09 to date.

#### Answer

The number of recorded and cleared burglary offences reported as having occurred within a defined<sup>1</sup> area of South Belfast Policing Area are as below

<sup>1</sup>The area used in the creation of the figures is defined by the following street names. Fitzroy Avenue, Palestine Street, Cadogen Street, Carmel Street, Jerusalem Street, Collingwood Avenue, Rugby Avenue, Damascus Street, Harrow Street, Agincourt Avenue, Cairo Street, Rugby Road, College Park Avenue, Penrose Street, Agincourt Street, University Avenue.

	Recorded	Of those recorded, the number that have since been cleared
2007	95	16
2008	156	11
2009	210	31

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

**Please Note:**

Figures from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 are provisional and will be subject to change.

**Question 4**

Can you provide the Rules and Regulations for Drinking in a public place.

**Question 5**

Also the Rules and Regulations on carrying an open bottle/tin/cup/glass which has a liquid content in an open place

**Answer**

The PSNI Criminal Justice Department have advised that currently the district councils retain responsibility for enforcing the drinking in public bye-laws, as well as for the prosecution of offenders who may breach these bye-laws. Any person who consumes intoxicating liquor in a street or public place which has been designated alcohol free under a relevant local council bye-law is guilty of an offence. There is no power under the council bye-laws to remove alcohol from persons. District council bye-laws are made under Section 90 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.

The police continue to work in partnership with the local councils and their enforcement officers by assisting them with enforcement of the bye laws in any designated public streets and areas. Where the police then also detect offences within the bye-laws, this support will extend to noting names and addresses and preparing a statement of evidence, which is then forwarded to the appropriate district council. The relevant council then makes a decision whether to instigate prosecution proceedings or not. As a result all queries in this regard should also be directed to the relevant local district council.

**Question 6**

In addition could you provide information on what method of calibration/measurement is used by PSNI to gather and collate evidence when reporting a property to the University.

**Answer**

The PSNI do not forward reports to the University regarding property, however, the details of students involved in incidents reported to the police or witnessed by the police are forwarded to the University.

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.

PLEASE SEE BELOW STATISTIC'S  
 REF: FPN'S ISSUED IN 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>FITZROY AVENUE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CARMEL STREET</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RUGBY AVENUE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AGINCOURT AVENUE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COLLEGE PARK AVENUE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY AVENUE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PALESTINE STREET</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>JERUSALEM STREET</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DAMASCUS STREET</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CAIRO STREET</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PENROSE STREET</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CADOGAN STREET</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COLLINGWOOD AVENUE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HARROW STREET</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RUGBY ROAD</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AGINCOURT STREET</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>