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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2010-01867

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Personal Protection Weapons

### 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

How many personal protection weapons were reported missing by police officers in 2009?

#### Answer

PSNI Weapons Control have advised that for the period requested 1 glock pistol is recorded as missing/stolen.

#### Question

How many personal protection weapons have been reported missing by police officers so far this year January - July 2010?

#### Answer

I have been advised that no personal protection weapons have been reported missing by police officers so far this year January - July 2010.

#### Question

What reasons have been given for the weapon being missing? Stolen, lost etc?

#### Answer

The weapon was missing/stolen. in an aggravated burglary in D District (Lisburn, Antrim, Newtownabbey, Carrickfergus).

#### Question

How many of these losses have resulted in an internal PSNI investigation?

#### Answer

No internal investigations have taken place regarding this incident.

**Question**

Has action been taken against any officers as a result of their weapon going missing?

**Answer**

No action has been taken.

**Question**

What has been the result of this action? - Warning, suspension etc?

**Answer**

Not applicable as per response to above question.

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).

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