



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03728

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Incidents at Cemeteries and Graveyards

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

Could you please tell me the number of incidents of theft and vandalism (both alleged and proven if possible) in graveyards and cemeteries in your policing area in the last 12 full months prior to receipt of this email, specifically between November 2010 and October 2011.

Answer

From 1st November 2010 to 31st October 2011 there were 14 criminal damage offences and 19 theft offences recorded where MO (modus operandi) information indicated incidents to have taken place at a cemetery.

Question 2

I would also like a breakdown of what has been reported stolen or vandalised - whether that is headstones, benches, ornaments etc.

Answer

Of the theft and criminal damage offences at a cemetery the following items of property were identified as being damaged or stolen:

Property Description	Property Sub Description	Number of items damaged/stolen
Building Materials		2
Fuel	Diesel	2
Grave furnishing	Gnome	1
	Glass Case	1
	Grave Surround	2
	Headstone	7
	Metal Light	1
	Statue	1
	Other	7
	Mirror	1
	Plants/Pots/Flowers	3
Jewellery		2
Keys		1
Personal accessories	Handbag	6
	Cheque/Debit Card/Cash	5
	Mobile Phone	4
	Cosmetics	1
Security Equipment		1
Vehicle Accessory	Window	1

Source: Statistics Branch, PSNI

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