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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-00729

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crime in South Belfast

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

I would like to submit a request under the Freedom of Information. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

How many robberies have occurred in the South Belfast command area (not B District) in the past 12 months and of these how many have resulted in a detection?

Question 2

Can I also have the same figures for the past 4 months?

Question 3

In addition, is it possible to get these figures specifically relating to robberies of business premises in the area?

Answer

Please see the table at the end of this correspondence detailing recorded and detected offences in South Belfast policing area, for 1 February 2010 to 31 January 2011 and also 1 October 2010 to 31 January 2011.

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

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 and detected robbery offences

South Belfast policing area

		1 Feb 2010–31 Jan 2011	1 Oct 2010–31 Jan 2011
All locations	Recorded	266	83
	Of those recorded, the number since detected	51	13
Business premises ^{1,2}	Recorded	60	23
	Of those recorded, the number since detected	21	5

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

¹ Business premises have been identified using Modus Operandi information where the location of occurrence has been classed as *Commercial, Financial, Hospitality, Leisure, Shop or Travel*.

² The home office category of business robbery and business premises robbery will differ, as business robbery is categorised by ownership of stolen/potentially stolen property and not location of robbery.

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