



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03636

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Mobile Phone And Handbag Robberies

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 and the answers to your questions are as follows.

Question

I am looking for information regarding reports I have received about an increase in mobile phone and handbag robberies within Belfast city centre. Examples detailed to me were particularly vicious, one including a pregnant woman from Londonderry who was attacked. After contacting the PSNI press office, they advised me it would be an FOI matter.

Would you have any information you could send me regarding this?

Clarification:

The timescale would be over the last 3/4 months, but I would also like a breakdown of the past month, if at all possible

Answer

Please find below on page numbered 1 a table illustrating recorded personal robbery and theft from person offences where property stolen is handbag or mobile telephone in South Belfast for the time period requested. South Belfast incorporates the City Centre.

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 personal robbery and theft from person offences where property stolen is handbag or mobile telephone

South Belfast

Please note: These figures are based on information taken from a live crime recording system and will be subject to change.

	Recorded
April 2011	12
May 2011	25
June 2011	16
July 2011	10
August 2011	13
September 2011	12
October 2011	20
Total	108

Source: Statistics Branch, PSNI