



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-02591

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Deer Poaching

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 be very grateful if you could let me know how many people have ever been charged with the specific offence of "deer poaching" in Northern Ireland.

Answer

Information Communications Services (ICS) ran searches on both the ICIS and NICHE computer systems for 'deer poaching'. However there is no specific code for 'deer poaching', therefore the searches were carried out using the following categories: Killing Deer, Killing Deer out of Season, Entering land without consent in search of deer with intent, Killing, injuring or taking deer without consent, Pursuing Deer with intent without consent.

Within these categories 1 person has been charged with 'Killing of a deer out of season'.

Question 2

I would also like to know when any person "was last charged" with the offence of deer poaching in Northern Ireland.

Answer 2

The last person was charged in 2009 in relation to 'Killing of a deer out of season'.

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.

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