



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-03137

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Metal Theft in Limavady and Foyle

### Request and Answer:

#### Question 1

I would like to know how many recorded cases of thefts of metal the PSNI have received in the past three years (August 1, 2009 to present) in the Limavady and Foyle policing areas. By thefts of metal, I mean robbery, burglary or theft offences where the material stolen has been identified by the PSNI as valuable to scrap metal merchants, and/or where the PSNI believe the material stolen was likely stolen because of its value as scrap metal.

#### 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;

There were 336 burglary, robbery and theft offences in the Limavady and Foyle policing areas where the property stolen was metal.

The data is based on recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property was classified as stolen and where there was information on the property record identifying it as containing metal. While it may be likely that the metal was stolen because of its scrap metal value this cannot be guaranteed to be the case.

#### Question 2

I would also like to know the estimated value of the materials referred to in question 1.

#### Answer

Of the 364 property descriptions recorded 173 have no value recorded. Where the information has been recorded this amounts to £204,271.

#### Question 3

I would also like to know what the materials referred to in question 1 were. For example; copper lines, manhole coverings etc.

#### Answer

Please see the table provided below which contains descriptions of metal stolen.

There were 336 offences recorded as metal theft, however, there are 364 property descriptions listed

as there may have been more than one item stolen in one incident.

#### **Question 4**

I would like to know how many of the crimes referred to in question 1 have since been 'cleared' by the PSNI.

#### **Answer**

Of the 336 offences recorded 17 have since been detected.

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

Due to evidence of the offence of metal theft being linked to serious organised crime across the UK, the Police Service of Northern Ireland can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to your request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) Information relating to the Security bodies;

Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test.

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).

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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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

	Description of metal stolen
1	COPPER TANK STOLEN
2	3 x 1.5 metre lengths of 65mm roundbar metal
3	copper stolen
4	COPPER HOT PRESS TANK STOLEN
5	RADIATOR STOLEN
6	SCRAP IRON ( UNKNOWN QUANTITY )
7	COPPER BOILER
8	COPPER PIPING STOLEN AND DAMAGED
9	25-35 metres of 2 inch copper cable
10	COPPER BOILER
11	COPPER PIPING STOLEN FROM DWELLING
12	COPPER WATER TANK
13	HOT COPPER WATER TANK STOLEN
14	COPPER PIPE FROM ROOF SPACE AND COPPER PIPE BETWEEN HOTPRESS AND BATHROOM TAKEN
15	COPPER WATER TANK STOLEN
16	COPPER PIPE FROM ROOF SPACE AND COPPER PIPE TAKEN
17	ROUND, HEAVY STEEL
18	ONE COPPER TANK AND PIPING STOLEN
19	COPPER TANK AND PIPING
20	ONE COPPER WATER TANK AND PIPING
21	COPPER BOILER
22	COPPER PIPING STOLEN-2 copper pipes stolen
23	LEAD FLASHING STOLEN
24	COPPER TELEPHONE CABLING
25	40 FT OF LEAD SHEETS
26	lead stolen from roof
27	lead stolen from roof
28	QUANTITY OF LEAD STOLEN
29	Scrap metal
30	lead stolen from roof
31	NUMBER OF LEAD PANELS TAKEN
32	COPPER CYLINDER AND COPPER PIPING STOLEN
33	20-25 METRES LEAD FLASHING STOLEN
34	50 METRES OF LEAD FLASHING STOLEN FROM ROOF
35	COPPER BOILER-HEATING AND PIPEWORK STOLEN
36	COPPER TANKS STOLEN
37	copper
38	COPPER TANK AND PIPING REMOVED
39	30 FT / 40 FT COPPER PIPING STOLEN
40	COPPER PIPING STOLEN
41	1 LENGTH OF 65 ML COPPER PIPING
42	2 LENGTHS OF 35 ML COPPER
43	5 BUNDLES OF COPPER PIPING 15 ML

44	COPPER PIPES STOLEN
45	COPPER TANK STOLEN
46	copper piping, 8 (4 metre lengths)
47	COPPER COILS
48	A NUMBER OF VARIOUS LENGTHS OF COPPER PIPES STOLEN
49	COPPER PIPING
50	COPPER TANK REMOVED FROM HOTPRESS
51	COPPER TANK AND PIPING
52	COPPER PIPING AND COPER TANK STOLEN
53	COPPER WATER TANK AND PIPING STOLEN
54	COPPER PIPING AND TANK
55	COPPER RODS/PIPES
56	6 X 20FT (4 X 4) ANGLE IRON AND VARIOUS CORRUGATED IN PIECES
57	COPPER WATER TANK AND PIPING STOLEN
58	HOT WATER TANK AND COPPER PIPING STOLEN
59	SHEET PROFILE TIN, 100-110 STOLEN
60	COPPER TANK AND PIPING STOLEN
61	COPPER TANK STOLEN
62	ONE COPPER TANK STOLEN
63	2 X STEEL BARRIERS STOLEN
64	SCRAP METAL STOLEN
65	2 x 6m copper bundles of copper
66	30 METER STRIP OF COPPER 1.5 INCHES WIDE AND 0.5 INCHES THICK
67	12 - 15 FEET OF LEAD
68	1 x copper water tank
69	scrap
70	2 x COPPER HOT WATER TANKS STOLEN
71	60 METRES COPPER LIGHTING CONDUCTER STOLEN
72	COAL BAG OF COPPER PIPE CUTTINGS STOLEN
73	2 X 100M COILS OF COPPER CABLE
74	roofing lead
75	roofing lead
76	LEAD FROM ROOF
77	4 X COPPER TANKS
78	approx 8 to 10 metres of lead
79	1 x copper water tank
80	approx 80ft of lead
81	COPPER PIPING STOLEN
82	7 metal rods
83	roofing lead
84	copper tank stolen
85	2 X METAL GARDEN POLES
86	lead
87	QUANTITY OF LEAD STOLEN AND OTHER LEAD ON ROOF DAMAGED
88	lead flashing from roof

89	METAL GATE OF 2 X METAL BARS MEASURING 100ML X 80ML BOX SECTION AND 18 FT WIDE
90	3m long x 6 inches wide lead
91	20m of copper cable
92	lead
93	50ft of lead cladding
94	copper piping
95	1 x copper water tank
96	1 x copper water tank
97	20m of lead
98	30ft lead
99	500M 3 CORE CABLE STOLEN
100	UNKNOWN QUANTITY - APPROX 2 X 1M LENGTHS
101	64 metres of lead strip
102	10 X STEEL SECURITY PANELS
103	coated copper electrical cable
104	15ft of lead
105	VARIOUS METAL AND CAR WHEELS ETC TAKEN
106	14 x 25 metre lengths stolen
107	16 x 25 m lengths stolen
108	9 x 25m lengths stolen
109	11 x 25m lengths stolen
110	APPROX 12 STONE OF LEAD
111	copper
112	3 x COPPER TANSK STOLEN
113	approx 1ft x 1.5ft long of copper piping
114	LEAD STOLEN
115	APPROX 2 TONNES OF SCRAP METAL
116	copper cablings
117	COPPER PIPES, TANK AND ELECTRIC SHOWER.
118	lead
119	lead
120	lead
121	lead
122	40 LENGTHS OF 3 CORE CABLE REMOVED - 9 LENGTHS
123	40 metres x 1/2 a metre of Lead stolen from roof. value u/k
124	1 x roofing lead
125	1 x roofing lead. No other available info.
126	Lead
127	COPPER PIPES REMOVED
128	LEAD ROOFING
129	Roof tiles and lead stoten. No other info given.
130	copper tank
131	Roofing Lead stolen from unoccupied house.
132	20m of roofing lead
133	Metal Fire insert for parkray fire

134	4 lengths of copper cable
135	Roofing lead
136	Roofing lead
137	LEAD
138	LEAD - UNKNOWN QUANTITY
139	2 ft of roofing lead
140	1ft of lead.
141	LEAD
142	hotwater tank
143	lead
144	3 -5 ft copper piping
145	copper piping approximately 3 - 5 ft
146	1 x quantity of Roofing Lead
147	lead
148	Large quantity of lead - value unknown
149	COPPER PIPING
150	ARMOURED CABLE (200 METRES)
151	500M COPPER CABLE
152	Lead measuring 9inches x 9 feet - value unknown
153	20ft of lead
154	QUANTITY OF LEAD STOLEN FROM ROOF
155	copper cable
156	1' x 3' Lead Sheeting
157	COPPER CABLE, 3 X 30METRE LENGTHS
158	lead
159	roofing lead
160	LEAD FLASHING
161	6ft by 10inches piece of lead
162	Lead
163	5 metal road drain covers
164	Approximately one foot of lead flashing
165	1 ft x 1 ft piece of lead taken from the roof
166	4 x 8 METRE LENGTHS COPPER/ALUMINIUM CABLE
167	QUANTITY OF LEAD
168	APPROX 350 METRES OF COPPER CABLES STOLEN
169	copper piping
170	pressure water tank, copper
171	300 METRES OF STEEL CABLE
172	COPPER PIPES
173	3m of lead
174	Copper Hot Water Tank
175	lead
176	lead
177	copper pipes and radiators
178	roof flashing from extension at rear amount not known

179	copper water tank stolen form property
180	COPPER CYLINDER AND PIPING
181	COPPER CYLINDER STOLEN
182	50ft lead
183	4ft section of lead
184	60 metres of copper cable from 3 street lights
185	COPPER TANK
186	copper piping
187	Copper hot water tank stolen
188	copper piping stolen from throughout the house
189	copper from 16 x lampposts
190	Lead was taken from the roof.
191	5 rolls copper piping value n/k
192	120ft of lead removed from roof.
193	copper cable
194	lead
195	copper tank and piping
196	lead has been stolen from the roof of house.
197	lead
198	lead flashing, at least 30 foot
199	1 x copper hot water tank
200	copper has been snipped off and stolen
201	Copper tank measuring 6ft x 21/2 ft
202	Lead from roof stolen.
203	Lead from roof stolen.
204	water tank and copper piping
205	Lead from roof several metres
206	2 x metal poles
207	Range Cooker broken up and stolen for scrap
208	40ft of lead stolen
209	Copper cylinders
210	brass
211	copper
212	copper piping
213	1 x copper tank
214	unknown amount of roofing lead
215	five used boilers not known what they were made of. Scrap metal
216	2 x metal feeding troughs 1 x wooden feedig troughs
217	1 metre of lead (value unknown)
218	Cooper piping
219	150 metres of copper cables from 6/7 lamp posts (value unknown)
220	lead
221	copper tank and piping
222	80 metres of lead
223	Lead from roof

224	Lead flashing approx 8' x 8" removed from porch
225	Lead (quantity and value unknown)
226	15metres lead from roof
227	unknown ammount of copper wire
228	copper heating tank stolen
229	5 square metres of Code 6 lead
230	2 x boilers and scrap metal
231	Copper wire taken from the street lighting
232	lead
233	QUANTITY OF LEAD FLASHING
234	Copper piping (Exact amount unknown at present)
235	6 Cast Iron Radiator covers
236	3 ft - 6 ft lead flashing off roof
237	THEFT IF A STRIPE OF LEAD
238	10 x 30 metre copper extension cables
239	copper tank stolen
240	copper piping
241	n/s
242	lead roof flashing, 30 metres
243	copper hot water tank
244	copper hot water tank
245	copper
246	n/s
247	125 metres of 3 core 16mm copper cabling from streetlight
248	5 copper drain pipes - 10ft each.
249	3m of lead flashing stolen
250	copper cable
251	copper cabling from streetlight standard
252	2 X BOXES BRASS DOOR FITTINGS
253	1 X BOX COPPER PIPING
254	Street cables stolen
255	copper cabling, metal
256	SCRAP METAL
257	COPPER CYLINDER WATER TANK
258	200 yards copper wiring
259	Copper piping and copper tanks
260	COPPER CABLE
261	2 METAL GATES
262	LEAD STOLEN
263	copper tank
264	CABLE CUTTINGS
265	lead 3ft long by 0.5ft wide.
266	copper hot tank stolen
267	copper piping stolen
268	Roll of copper wire



269	1 1/2 rolls roofing lead
270	Flat roofing lead
271	COPPER WATER TANK & 500
272	540 meters copper wire
273	Lead taken from roof.
274	tank and piping copper
275	Copper wire from street lights.
276	Homemade metal feeding trough
277	Cable from inside two lamposts
278	Copper Pipe
279	Lead off roof
280	Copper and lead
281	45' x 30' metal shed
282	Copper piping.
283	copper cylinder piping
284	Copper pipes, Copper Hot Water Tank.
285	30ft Length of Lead Stolen
286	METAL FENCING - 3 SECTIONS
287	6ft of steel railing
288	THE COPPER CYLINDER AND ASSOCIATED COPPER PIPEWORK HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE HOTPRE
289	Galvanised steel gate
290	Lead
291	copper tank
292	Radiators, copper cylinder, copper pipework, burner from boiler
293	COPPER MATERIAL
294	Copper water tank
295	Lead flashing from the roof
296	15 FEET OF FLUE AND 10 FEET OF COPPER PIPING
297	250 sq meters of lead flashing
298	steel shutter stolen
299	copper
300	LEAD
301	Approx 20 scrap Washing machines / Cookers
302	Aluminium Gate
303	2 8'x2' grit covers
304	Metel shelving
305	COPPER CYLINDER
306	copper piping
307	2 x METAL GATES
308	Copper Water Tank and Pipe
309	copper piping
310	copper tank
311	Lead flashing
312	Metal security fencing 8ft by 5ft.

313	Copper piping
314	two copper tanks
315	copper piping 2 x lengths of 2 metres
316	Copper water boiler
317	copper piping stolen
318	lead
319	lead
320	LEAD
321	RADIATORS X 5
322	COPPER TANK AND PIPING
323	Copper water tank, shower unit and burner attached to boiler
324	LEAD
325	COPPER PIPING
326	Quantity of lead flashing taken from roof
327	BAGS OF COPPER, U/K VALUE
328	2 Radiators stolen
329	Sections of Copper piping
330	Lead flashing stolen
331	COPPER TANK, IMMERSION HEATER AND FITTINGS STOLEN
332	n/s
333	Copper piping taken
334	Copper piping
335	Copper Water Tank
336	lead
337	COPPER TANK
338	COPPER TANK
339	30 metres stolen and 30 metres damaged
340	Copper tank
341	12 ft of lead stolen from roof
342	Lead Flashing
343	radiators and copper pipes
344	lead roofing stolen form roof
345	copper
346	MANHOLE COVER
347	scrap
348	Copper water tank
349	1 x copper tank
350	ornate wrought iron and copper
351	12 X 6 FOOT LENGTHS OF GALVANISED STEEL GUTTERING STOLEN
352	5 FOOT STEEL PIPING STOLEN
353	TRAILER GALVANISED METAL WORK
354	20-30 foot of lead flashing
355	LEAD STRIPS REMOVED FROM ROOF
356	lead from roof of boiler house
357	lead from roof of boiler house

358	lead from roof in boiler house.
359	lead from roof
360	lead from roof
361	SCRAP COPPER PIPING STOLEN
362	FOUR PALLETS OF PRINTING PLATES WHICH FETCH AS SCRAP
363	scrappage batteries
364	roofing lead