



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2012-00694

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Oil Thefts

### Request and 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.

### Question

In each policing district in each of the past 5 years how many oil thefts have been reported from business and residential properties?

In each policing district in each of the past 5 years how many arrests has there been for oil thefts from business and residential properties?

In each policing district in each of the past 5 years how many people have been charged for oil thefts from business and residential properties?

### Clarification of 16<sup>th</sup> February

In relation to the information that Statistics Branch can provide for the total number of burglary, robbery and theft offences where the property stolen is home heating oil in each year from 1st April 2007 to date and by policing district would be good. The second part of your query is fine.

As for the third and last part it would be good if the PSNI could come up with the numbers of people arrested.

### Answer

As per clarification received from yourself please find on page 1 below the tables supplied by Central Statistics Branch.

In relation to arrests Information and Communication Services Branch have advised that the systems show the number of arrests as follows:

**2007: 3**

District E: 2

District G: 1

**2008: 6**

District B: 1  
District C: 1  
District E: 1  
District F: 1  
District G: 2

**2009: 9**

District C: 2  
District E: 1  
District H:6

**2010: 6**

District E: 4  
District F: 1  
District H: 1

**2011: 21**

District B: 1  
District C: 1  
District D: 11  
District F: 5  
District H: 3

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.

**Recorded burglary, robbery and theft offences where property stolen  
has been identified as home heating fuel**

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

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	1st Apr- 31st Jan 2012
A District	8	23	17	21	13
B District	14	36	31	35	18
C District	82	149	77	128	88
D District	101	160	64	119	97
E District	97	145	120	123	110
F District	76	141	105	129	85
G District	126	174	100	120	102
H District	99	193	107	120	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>620</b>

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

**Of those recorded, the number of since detected burglary, robbery and  
theft offences where property stolen has been identified as home  
heating fuel**

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	1st Apr- 31st Jan 2012
A District	0	1	0	0	0
B District	1	0	0	0	0
C District	1	1	0	3	0
D District	0	0	0	3	0
E District	2	0	1	1	0
F District	2	2	0	2	1
G District	1	0	1	0	0
H District	2	4	2	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch