



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2012-01017

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Thefts from Police Stations and Vehicles

Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to disclose information in response to question 1, subject to the deletion of information pursuant to the provisions of Section 40 of the Freedom of Information 2000 (the Act).

Question

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I ask for a disclosure of the following information relating to crime at police stations and from police vehicles:

An inventory of all items reported stolen from PSNI stations/buildings and from PSNI vehicles in the last six years (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012-to-date).

I would ask that this includes a description of each item, the estimated value of each item, the station and DCU area, and/or the location of the vehicle, from which each item was taken and the date it was reported missing.

Answer

Please find the tables attached at the end of this correspondence providing a list of the burglary, robbery and theft offences from police stations/vehicles from 2007 – to date. Please note this information is based on data taken from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

This dataset includes some address information where a police vehicle was located at time of an offence taking place. I have decided not to disclose this specific address information. I have also decided to withhold the dates of the incidents.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and

(c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption/s, as well as the factors the Department considered when deciding where the public interest lies, are listed below:

Section 40 (2) (a) and (b) by virtue of Section 40 (3) (a) (i) – Personal Information

Section 40 Personal Information is a class-based exemption, therefore it is not necessary to evidence the harm caused by disclosure. The data protection rights of a third party would be breached by disclosure, therefore Section 40(2) is an Absolute exemption and a Public Interest Test is not necessary. This is so because personal data is governed by other law (The Data Protection Act 1998). All requests made under FOIA are applicant blind. A request must be treated as such and a public authority will always view any disclosure as into the public domain and not just to an individual.

Personal Data is regulated under the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and when information contains personal data about a third party it can only be released if disclosure would not breach any data protection principles.

Principle (1), that personal data is processed lawfully and fairly. Personal data of this nature is recorded and it must be treated in a highly confidential manner and any public disclosure would be unlawful if there is a breach of that law of confidentiality.

When a PSNI officer reports an address at which a theft from a police vehicle took place, the individuals connected with that address will have no expectation that this personal information will be released into the public domain.

The date that an incident took place, along with further specific details of the incident, could be used to identify any individuals involved.

The Service would be failing in its lawful duty were it to breach the Data Protection Act in order to furnish a disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Service has a duty to protect the personal data of all individuals and any disclosure of this type of data into the public domain will be unfair to any individual concerned. The public must have confidence that any of their information is treated sensitively and appropriately. Therefore, in all circumstances of the case, public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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.

Stolen Item List as a result of burglary, robbery or theft offences recorded at police building location or police vehicle

Please Note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change.

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Station/Address if vehicle	Policing Area	Year	Report date	Property Type	Property Description 1	Property Description 2	Estimated Value
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		2000
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	2007		General Property	Security equipment		1
Ballymena	Ballymena	2007		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	186
Ballymena	Ballymena	2007		General Property	Radio, T.V., etc	Other radio/TV/sound equip.	130
Lurgan	Craigavon	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Calculator	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Dictaphone	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Office/school supplies	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Security equipment		Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Calculator	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Dictaphone	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Office equipment	Office/school supplies	Unknown
Armagh	Armagh	2007		General Property	Security equipment		Unknown
Donegal Pass	South Belfast	2007		Bicycles	Mountain		150
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		General Property	Personal accessories	Rucksack	50
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown
Ballymena	Ballymena	2007		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	200
Coleraine	Coleraine	2007		Item details unknown			Unknown
Middletown	Armagh	2007		General Property	Appliance	Other appliance	250
Donegal Pass	South Belfast	2007		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	300
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2007		General Property	Vehicle accessory	Other accessory	Unknown
Donegal Pass	South Belfast	2007		General Property	Vehicle accessory	Car radio/CD player	150
Eglington	Foyle	2007		General Property	Personal accessories	Other accessories	619.98
Ballynahinch	Down	2007		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	100
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		30
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		General Property	Vehicle accessory	Registration plate	15
Enniskillen	Fermanagh	2007		General Property	Household articles	Ladders/steps	65
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		400
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		General Property	Personal accessories	Wallet/billfold	10
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		50
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		40
Coleraine	Coleraine	2007		Item details unknown			Unknown
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		60
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		71.6
Bangor	North Down	2007		Cash Valuable Securities	Credit card	Barclaycard	10
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	2007		General Property	Security equipment		20

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Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Security equipment		1000
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Jewellery	Wrist watch	10
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories	Wallet/billfold	80
Down	Down	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Appliance	Other appliance	30
Down	Down	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	20
Down	Down	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Radio, T.V., etc	DVD player	30
Oldpark	North Belfast	2007	[REDACTED]	Drugs	Cannabis		10
Greyabbey	Ards	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Security equipment		7.5
Castlereagh	Castlereagh	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories	Spectacles/lenses	200
Waterside	Foyle	2007	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Strabane	Strabane	2007	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey	2007	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		75
Ballymena	Ballymena	2007	[REDACTED]	Bicycles	Mountain		70
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools		450
Tennent Street	North Belfast	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Registration plate	Unknown
Strabane	Strabane	2007	[REDACTED]	General Property	Fuel	Petrol	Unknown
Lisburn	Lisburn	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
[REDACTED]	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Police equipment		Unknown
[REDACTED]	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory		Unknown
Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Electric cable	844.8
Lisburn	Lisburn	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Strandtown	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Alcohol	Beer		6.98
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	150
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Clothing (single)	Shirt	15.99
Ards	Ards	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Footwear	Shoe	70
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Sporting goods	Other sporting equipment	25
Strandtown	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Other article	Torch	65
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Computers, parts or accessories	Computer games/software	100
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Computers, parts or accessories	Computer games/software	400
Crossmaglen	Newry & Mourne	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Wheel trims	Unknown
Ardmore	Newry & Mourne	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		10
Ballymena	Ballymena	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Debit card		Unknown
Ballymena	Ballymena	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Identification		Unknown
Ards	Ards	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories		110
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Generator	430
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool	170
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool	260
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool	390
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Other machinery/tool	360
Ardmore	Newry & Mourne	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	2 way radio	Unknown
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	Unknown

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Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories	Spectacles/lenses		25
Strand Road	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Wing mirror	Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Strandtown	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Wing mirror	Unknown	
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown	
[REDACTED]	Cookstown	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Registration plate	Unknown	
Cookstown	Cookstown	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Other parts	Unknown	
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Coleraine	Coleraine	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			60
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		160
Strand Road	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		70
Lisburn	Lisburn	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Glengormley	Newtownabbey	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			20
Strandtown	East Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Police equipment		Unknown	
Ballymena	Ballymena	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		70
Waterside	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Other article			50
Strand Road	Foyle	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	Unknown	
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Tennent Street	North Belfast	2008	[REDACTED]	General Property	Radio, T.V., etc	Other radio/TV/sound equip.		150
Castlereagh	Castlereagh	2008	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Voucher			25
Stewartstown	Cookstown	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Tennent Street	North Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown	
Magherafelt	Magherafelt	2009	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown	
Armagh	Armagh	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Other article			2000
Antrim	Antrim	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Metal	Copper	Unknown	
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Banbridge	Banbridge	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Radio, T.V., etc	MP3 player	Unknown	
Dundonald	Castlereagh	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Clothing (single)	Coats		93.68
[REDACTED]	Lisburn	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Communications device	2 way radio	Unknown	
[REDACTED]	Lisburn	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Vehicle accessory		Unknown	
Lisburn	Lisburn	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories	Wallet/billfold	Unknown	
Dungannon	Dungannon&S Tyrone	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Machinery or tools	Power saw (all types)		700
Craigavon	Craigavon	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Bangor	North Down	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Bangor	North Down	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ards	Ards	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ards	Ards	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Strandtown	East Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Strandtown	East Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Oldpark	North Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Oldpark	North Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling		Unknown	
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009	[REDACTED]	General Property	Personal accessories	Purse		15

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Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		70
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			220
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2009		General Property	Document		Unknown	
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2009		General Property	Other article	Other		50
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2009		General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		50
Magherafelt	Magherafelt	2009		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2009		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Antrim	Antrim	2009		Drugs	Other drugs	Tablets		Unknown
Strand Road	Foyle	2009		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Waterside	Foyle	2009		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ballymena	Ballymena	2010		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			10
Ardmore	Newry & Mourne	2010		Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			360
Ardmore	Newry & Mourne	2010		General Property	Other article		Unknown	
Strandtown	East Belfast	2010		General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool		380
Newtownabbey	Newtownabbey	2010		General Property	Building materials	Plumbing materials		2000
Oldpark	North Belfast	2010		General Property	Computers, parts or accessories	CD-ROM drive		400
Down	Down	2010		General Property	Fuel	Petrol	Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ardmore	Newry & Mourne	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2010		Alcohol	Spirits			3
Coleraine	Coleraine	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Foodstuffs	Non-alcoholic beverages		3.5
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Machinery or tools			30
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Machinery or tools	Generator		100
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool		30
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Metal	Copper		10
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Metal	Lead		100
Whitehead	Carrickfergus	2010		General Property	Vehicle accessory	Wheels		250
Strandtown	East Belfast	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2010		Bicycles				1000
	Antrim	2010		General Property	Other article		Unknown	
Antrim	Antrim	2010		General Property	Other article		Unknown	
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Clothing (single)		Unknown	
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Clothing (single)			5.88
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Clothing (single)			18.75
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Clothing (single)			56.25
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Clothing (single)			113
Dunmurry	Lisburn	2010		General Property	Footwear		Unknown	
Coalisland	Dungannon&S Tyrone	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Donegal Pass	South Belfast	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Limavady	Limavady	2010		Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ballynahinch	Down	2010		General Property	Police equipment			50
Ballynahinch	Down	2010		General Property	Police equipment			80
Ballynahinch	Down	2010		General Property	Police equipment			100

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Ballynahinch	Down	2010	General Property	Police equipment			500
Strand Road	Foyle	2010	General Property	Other article	Other	Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2010	Item details unknown			Unknown	
	Castlereagh	2010	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Windscreen wipers		10
Bangor	North Down	2010	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Other parts		50
Ards	Ards	2010	General Property	Personal accessories	Spectacles/lenses		77
Antrim	Antrim	2010	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Other accessory		100
Antrim	Antrim	2010	General Property	Vehicle accessory	Route finder (Sat nav)		170
Antrim	Antrim	2010	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Woodbourne	West Belfast	2010	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Antrim Road	North Belfast	2010	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		100
Strand Road	Foyle	2010	Item details unknown			Unknown	
	West Belfast	2010	General Property	Machinery or tools	Hand tool	Unknown	
Strand Road	Foyle	2010	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Ards	Ards	2011	Cash Valuable Securities	Foreign currency	Euro		20
Ards	Ards	2011	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			20
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2011	General Property	Radio, T.V., etc	Compact disc		50
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2011	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone		90
Donegal Pass	South Belfast	2011	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Lisburn	Lisburn	2011	General Property	Other article	Security equipment		500
Coleraine	Coleraine	2011	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			20
Coleraine	Coleraine	2011	General Property	Communications device	Mobile telephone	Unknown	
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2011	General Property	Building materials	Electrical materials		200
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2011	General Property	Building materials	Electrical materials		400
Lisburn Road	South Belfast	2011	Cash Valuable Securities	Pound sterling			20
Grosvenor Road	West Belfast	2011	General Property	Other article	Other		35
Magherafelt	Magherafelt	2011	General Property	Utilities	Electric cables	Unknown	
Portrush	Coleraine	2011	General Property	Building materials	Plumbing materials	Unknown	
Ballymena	Ballymena	2011	Item details unknown			Unknown	
Bellaghy	Magherafelt	2011	General Property	Building materials	Roofing materials		50
Bessbrook	Newry & Mourne	2011	General Property	Metal	Copper		50
Pomeroy	Cookstown	2011	General Property	Household articles	Exterior bulk item - Fence/gate/door etc.		20
Waterside	Foyle	2011	General Property	Office equipment	Office/school supplies		89.33
Musgrave Street	South Belfast	2011	Drugs	Other drugs	Tablets	Unknown	
Keady	Armagh	2011	General Property	Fuel	Home heating fuel		400
Pomeroy	Cookstown	2011	General Property	Household articles	Exterior bulk item - Fence/gate/door etc.		37
Bangor	North Down	2011	Item details unknown			Unknown	

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