



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-05198

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Arrests of Nationalities Committing Crime

Request and Answer:

Question 1

How many a) Romanians, b) Bulgarians and c) people of all nationalities (including British) have been arrested for the following crimes:

- Murder
- Rape
- All sexual offences
- All violent offences
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Total crime

I would like the information for the following financial years: i) 2010-2011 ii) 2011-2012 iii) 2012-2013

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.

Please see the table below detailing a breakdown of crimes committed by a) Romanians, b) Bulgarians and c) people of all nationalities (including British) and the number of arrests.

	Romania			Bulgaria			Total (for all countries)		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	64	65
Rape	0	4	2	0	0	0	264	312	272
Sexual Offences	2	6	3	0	0	0	702	785	706
Violent Offences	13	12	10	5	6	3	9040	9279	8963
Robbery	2	0	3	0	0	0	535	489	375
Burglary	9	13	8	4	5	0	1998	1934	1674
Total	103	120	91	15	14	10	16410	16588	15841

Please note: For the purposes of this request in relation to persons with multiple nationalities - If one or more of the nationalities is Romania, then it is assumed that the person is "Romanian". e.g. if a person has dual nationality of 'Romania and Poland' then they would be classified as a "Romanian".

If one or more of the nationalities is Bulgaria, then it is assumed that the person is "Bulgarian". e.g. if a person has dual nationality of 'Bulgaria and Poland' then they would be classified as a "Bulgarian".

Results were sourced using 'reason for arrest' and any associated offences on the arrest record. Arrest records can have multiple offences, for example, if a person was arrested for murder or they were arrested and investigated for any murder offence, then they would be counted under the murder category on the spreadsheet.

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.

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