



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2013-04655

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Tool Thefts From Vehicles

Request and Answer:

Question

Could you please answer the following and insert the data into the attached document:

“How many reports of tool thefts from vehicles have you received in the last five years, broken down into 12 month blocks? If possible, please illustrate the estimated average value of the stolen tools per theft. By tools we mean any specialist or general tools used by trades people in their jobs – such as (but not limited to) plumbers, carpenters, builders, electricians etc.”

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 find attached data requested at the end of this correspondence.

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.psnipolice.uk

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

Recorded theft from vehicle offences where the property stolen was machinery or tools

TOOL THEFT DATA - FOI REQUEST												
Name of police force:	Police Service of Northern Ireland											
2009												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of tool thefts	14	17	20	20	15	15	7	17	11	48	25	10
Estimated average value of stolen tools per theft	468	802	482	668	406	507	264	566	328	687	702	250
2010												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of tool thefts	10	12	23	18	7	17	9	21	14	12	21	3
Estimated average value of stolen tools per theft	904	1365	721	754	757	997	886	800	790	890	875	1057
2011												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of tool thefts	14	14	17	17	30	19	13	12	10	12	14	9
Estimated average value of stolen tools per theft	941	1664	382	549	673	630	2496	491	339	310	638	268
2012												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of tool thefts	14	11	8	8	7	12	11	6	7	7	8	5
Estimated average value of stolen tools per theft	866	214	2963	493	593	899	732	342	814	230	377	684
2013												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of tool thefts	9	14	9	4	9	9	7	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Estimated average value of stolen tools per theft	1701	868	2722	211	616	1731	701	901	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: PSNI Statistics Branch

Please note: This information is based on data extracted from a live crime recording system and may be subject to change. It is dependent on the information having been input into the system in such a way as to identify those records that are relevant.