



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2014-00822

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Gravestone Thefts

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like the following under the Freedom of Information Act. Breakdown of reported incidents of gravestone/headstone theft in your jurisdiction over the last five years. Please break the data down 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009.

If possible, please provide detail of the theft, for example 'theft of metal statue from gravestone'. If this is not possible then just stick with the basic number of reported incidents.

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 which shows a summary of thefts from graves from 2009 – 2013 and also the table after page 2 which gives a breakdown of items stolen, where known. All information provided 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. Figures within the current financial year, from 1st April 2013, are provisional and will be subject to change.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Thefts	19	35	20	17	15	106

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.

Details Of Thefts From Graves

Year Reported	Description	Common Name
2009	Headstone	Bible Shape Ornament
2009	Other article	Eternal Flame - Solar Light - White Marble Base
2009	Other article	Permanent Frave Light
2009	Grave Surround	
2009	Other article	Black Granite Plaque
2009	Other article	Grey Plaque For Grave Approx 1ft x 0.5ft
2009	Other article	Marble Book Left At Grave
2009	Other article	Rosary Beads
2009	Other article	2 x Wreaths Taken But Recovered By Family Members
2009	Other article	
2009	Other article	
2009	Other article	Several Ornaments And Trinkets - No Description Available
2009	Other article	2 Pots With Flowers, 9" Tall White Angel And A Black Stone Pot
2009	Other article	Flowers
2009	Other article	
2009	Other article	Dog Ornaments
2009	Other article	Wreath And White Floral Tribute
2009	Other article	6 x Small Wooden Remembrance Day Crosses
2009	Headstone	
2010	Other article	Marble Grave Marker
2010	Other article	
2010	Other article	Memorial Plaque With Black And Gold Writing
2010	Other article	Copper Plaque
2010	Urn	Marble Flower Pot Stolen
2010	Other article	Flower Containers
2010	Other article	Rectangular Flower Basket
2010	Other article	Delph Flowers
2010	Other article	Artificial Flowers
2010	Urn	
2010	Grave furnishing	Container And Basket
2010	Other article	Artificial Flowers
2010	Grave furnishing	7 x Grave Ornaments
2010	Other article	Planter Tray
2010	Other article	Flowers
2010	Other article	Stone Bible
2010	Other article	Solar Lights
2010	Household articles	Plant Pots
2010	Other article	Ceramic Flower Pots
2010	Household articles	Plant Pots
2010	Household articles	Plants
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2010	Household articles	Plants
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2010	Household articles	Plant Pots
2010	Household articles	Plants - Bunch Of Flowers

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2010	Household articles	Plant Pots
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2010	Other article	Glazed Ceramic Pots Approx 10" x 12" Tall
2010	Other article	Wreath
2011	Headstone	
2011	Other article	Plaque
2011	Other article	6" x 10" Plaque
2011	Other article	Name Plate
2011	Other article	Manchester United Footballer 3' Tall
2011	Grave Surround	
2011	Other article	Flower Planter
2011	Grave furnishing	Wicker Reindeer
2011	Other article	Basket Of Flowers And Small Ornate Robin
2011	Urn	
2011	Other article	Ornamental Pigeon
2011	Other article	Flowers And Flower Holder
2011	Household articles	Homemade Vase
2011	Other article	2 x Plants
2011	Other article	Round Plant Pots
2011	Household articles	Plant Pots
2011	Household articles	White Vase And 2 Bunches Of Artificial Flowers
2011	Other article	Plant Pots
2011	Other article	Ornaments, Candles And Prayer Verses
2011	Grave furnishing	Ornaments, Candles And Prayer Verses
2012	Other article	Granite Bible
2012	Other article	Black Marble Heart Grave Ornament 12" x 12"
2012	Other article	Granite Stone
2012	Other article	Plaque
2012	Other article	2 x Grave Statues
2012	Other article	Statue Of Virgin Mary 2.5ft Tall
2012	Grave Surround	
2012	Grave Surround	
2012	Building materials	Stones From Grave
2012	Other article	Grave Stones
2012	Household articles	Plant Pots
2012	Other article	
2012	Other article	Rose Bowl, Candle & Holder, Plaques And Cards On Stands
2012	Grave furnishing	Several Ornaments And Decorations Stolen
2012	Other article	Bunches Of Flowers
2012	Other article	Flowers And Plants
2012	Other article	Small Statues Of A Dog And Angel
2013	Other article	Cross On Headstone
2013	Other article	Marble Plinth
2013	Other article	Grave Furnishing
2013	Other article	Statue Of Liverpool Footballer
2013	Other article	Footballer Statue
2013	Building materials	3 x Bags Of Stones
2013	Other article	Marble grave Stones
2013		5 x Bags Of Black Marble Stones
2013	Other article	Miscellaneous Grave Ornaments
2013	Household articles	Plant Pots

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2013	Household articles	2 x Baskets, 1 x Vase And 1 Pink Plant In Pot
2013	Other article	White Angel With Gold Lettering
2013	Art/antiques	VASE
2013	Household articles	Bunch Of Flowers And 3 Balloons
2013	Other article	Red Glazed Ceramic Pot With Flowers